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## JAPAN'S TERMS.

THE PRICE OF THE TSINAN CLASH.

BRITONS IN NORTH.

Danger of Personal Attacks Gradually Receding.

THE SOUTHERNERS' BLOODLESS VICTORIES.

Japan's "terms" for settlement of the Tsinan clash with the Chinese have been officially announced. Briefly, they are:—an apology by Chiang Kai-shek, punishment of culprits, suspension of hostile activities within zones which include Tsinan, Tientsin and the whole length of the Shantung Railway, and appointment by Chiang Kai-shek of an accredited negotiator.

Meanwhile, the Japanese Expeditionary Forces will liberate the Southern soldiers who were captured; but their weapons will be retained until a settlement is arrived at.

Danger to Britons and other foreigners at Tientsin and other parts of North China seems to be decreasing as it has become more apparent that there will be no clash because the Southerners prefer a bloodless entry, although having to wait, instead of following up the Northerners.

CHIANG TO APOLOGISE.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

The Japanese War Office has instructed General Fukuda, the commander of the Japanese forces at Tsinan, to demand the following terms from the Chinese:—

1.—A formal apology from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, commander-in-chief of the Nationalist army, in connection with the Tsinan incident.

2.—Punishment of General Ho Yao-tsu and other primarily responsible for the outrage. [Note: General Ho has already been dismissed by the Nationalist Council of Government at Nanking. He commanded one of the three army groups which form the super-army group under Chiang Kai-shek and is referred to in an account by an eyewitness elsewhere on this page.]

3.—Suspension of hostilities, propaganda against Japan and warlike activities within 20 Chinese miles of Tsinan, Tientsin and the Shantung Railway.

[Note: By a "Chinese mile" is probably meant the "li," 20 of which are equal to 6 miles, the usual distance stipulated in "neutral" zones in China's civil war.]

4.—The Chinese negotiator must produce credentials from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. General Fukuda has also been instructed by the War Office to release the Chinese he has made prisoner, but to detain the arms taken from them, until a satisfactory settlement is reached.—Reuter.

Prepared With Care.

An earlier cable on the subject reads as follows:—

The Japanese Government is at present intently studying the Tsinan incident for the purpose of drafting demands on the Nationalists both for reparations and punishment of the guilty troops and guarantees for the future for the safety of life and property.

The Foreign Office has stated that a memorandum to the League of Nations is being considered, although its nature and the time of its presentation have not been decided. It is understood the Government's agents are at present gathering evidence at Tsinan for the purpose of refuting the alleged Chinese statements with regard to the cause of the incident.—Reuter.

THE RETREAT.

Tientsin Not Taken Yet: Less Anxiety.

Owing to the severance of cable communication, news from the North about the civil war is very scarce. It is understood from the best informed sources, however, that Tientsin has not been entered by the Nationalist allies yet.

The Shansi forces of General Yen Hsi-shan are moving up slowly from Tsangchow, which is 60 miles from Tientsin. An impression gained is that they are marking time, waiting for the Northern evacuation to become an accomplished fact.

Cavalry Call a Halt.  
The Kuomintang advance column (including Mongolian

ed at Tehchow, 40 miles further from Tientsin than Tsangchow, waiting for reinforcements.

Up the Peking-Hankow Railway, the main strength of the Kuomintang (the "Christian General's" army) is advancing very slowly because of lack of rolling stock.

Will History Be Repeated? Meanwhile, the Northern concentration on Peking, from which a stream of men has begun to move back into Manchuria, is continuing; but observers believe that Marshal Chang Tso-lin will still need a few days more before he can move out completely.

Opinion is that his units at Tientsin and on the Peking-Hankow Railway will be kept in their lines until everything is ready for the grand withdrawal. Otherwise, the Northerners may find themselves at a disadvantage in fighting a rearguard action.

While the Northerners are reconciled to giving up Peking without a fight, the Nationalist allies seem to have made up their minds to wait and hope for possession without having to fight—as has occurred on several occasions in the past.

AMERICA'S "ATTENTION."

Nanking's Note Handed to Mr. Kellogg.

Washington, Yesterday.

The Nanking Government's message drawing attention to the Tsinan incident and the "Japanese occupation of Shantung" has been received at White House and has been referred to Mr. F. B. Kellogg, the Secretary of State.—Reuter's American Service.

JAPAN'S POLICY.

To Withdraw When Safety is Assured.

Osaka, Yesterday.

Mr. Mitsuchi, the Finance Minister, speaking before the Economic Association in Osaka, explained the Government action in Shantung and said that as soon as the safety of Japanese nationals had been assured the Government would promptly withdraw the troops. He declared that this had been the fixed policy of the Government which the military authorities quite understand.—Reuter.

Estimate of Lives Lost.

Tsingtao, Yesterday.  
Consul-General Fujita, who has arrived at Tsingtao from Tsinan, states that 1,040 corpses of Chinese soldiers have been buried by Japanese since May 3 and it is believed that at least 1,000 more have been disposed of by Chinese, while the Japanese military casualties total 236.—Reuter.

More Troops At Tsinan.

Tsingtao, Yesterday.  
A detachment of three companies of Japanese infantry which was sent to Tsinan last month from Tientsin, has arrived at Tsingtao and immediately boarded destroyers to return to Tientsin.

## YANGTZE WAR.

Upper River Attack on Yang Sen.

ACTIVITY OF TROOPS.

Possible Adverse Effects Of Hostilities.

That the political rivals of General Yang Sen on the Upper Yangtze River are in earnest in their expedition against him is indicated in the latest British Naval Wireless despatch to hand.

Considerable troop movements have been reported at Chungking and Wanshsien. Chungking is 1,400 miles up the River and Wanshsien is about 330 miles below Chungking.

Generals Liu Hsiang and Ko Yutung, who are in power in Szechuen province, fitted out a force which required sixty junks to carry. General Yang Sen's territory is around Ichang, which is about 130 miles below Wanshsien.

Nationalist Proteses? The political disposition of both sides is vague but, at different times, each has claimed to be a Nationalist.

Hostilities may have the effect of interrupting British Upper River shipping. A week or two ago, boycott agitation was stopped by General Yang Sen and, only on Monday, the guards on a Yangtze Rapids steamer inflicted casualties on bandits near Ichang.

## CRUISERS LEAVE.

JAPANESE CADETS GO SOUTH.

THREE DAYS IN HONG KONG.

After staying three days in Hong Kong, the Japanese training squadron (with a large number of cadets on board) left for Manila this morning.

The squadron comprises the two ex-Russian cruisers, "Idzumo" (flagship) and "Yakumo" and is commanded by Vice-Admiral Seizo Kobayashi. Prince Takamatsu is a Lieutenant in the squadron.

Some of the officers were at tea with Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G., R.N., in the Royal Naval Dockyard yesterday.

Local Japanese residents were entertained at tea on board the ships.

The Vice-Admiral gave a dinner on the flagship last night at which were present H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.), H.E. the General Officer Commanding (Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.), Commodore J. L. Pearson, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E. (Colonial Secretary) and Sir Henry Gollan, K.B.E. (Chief Justice).

## HIS NEW HOME.

CAROL GOING TO THE ARDENNES.

Brussels, Yesterday.  
Carol's host, M. Jonsescu, has found the ex-Crown-Prince a home in the Ardennes.—Reuter.

## A BAD START.

FLYING PASSENGER KILLED AT TASHKENT.

Peshawar, Yesterday.  
The new aeroplane service from Kabul to Tashkent was marred by an accident. An aeroplane crashed at Tashkent and was burnt. One passenger was killed.—Reuter.

Tsin, owing to the tense situation there.—Reuter.

The Northern Warships.

Amoy, Yesterday.  
The Northern warships which came down here have now left for the South.

Modified martial law continues, troops being still on guard against a possible attack.

Efforts to strengthen the anti-Japanese boycott have not met with success. A continuation of the boycott is probable.—Reuter.

Chinese in Singapore.

Singapore, Yesterday.  
Chinese feeling against Japan on account of the Tsinan affair is illustrated in the fact that the fund opened by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce for relief of the Chinese victims at Tsinan totalled \$200,000 within a week.

The Chinese are doing the utmost to avoid anti-Japanese disorders but are determined to boycott Japanese business.—Reuter.

## IN HONG KONG.

What Life Here Is Like.

THE CALM.

Descriptive Account On How We Fare.

Life for the Briton in Hong Kong to-day, writes "Y.C." in the "Daily Express," is calm and peaceful compared with a year ago.

We have now no refugees pouring in, from administrative officers, mercantile representatives and missionaries, to the coolie class, who all fled to the comparative safety of Hong Kong from the disturbed and turbulent interior.

The Fleet is depleted, the ships are sailing for home, Malta or Gibraltar, leaving behind them more memories than those occasioned by their flying flags and merry music.

The Army, too; we had grown quite accustomed to the thrills of large numbers of British soldiers at drill, marching or at play. The helmeted khaki-clad fellow countrymen gave us a comfortable feeling of security, but, like the Navy, the greater part has left us, and long may they remember the gratitude with which we met and sped them.

Gradually we have settled down to normal life, our refugees have gone, and now that horse-racing is in full swing and we are enjoying that all-too-short span of cool weather which the elements vouchsafe to us in the twelve months, we are to be envied.

Not but that we did not enjoy having the refugees from the war-ridden provinces of China. They brought considerable interest and excitement to us, and except for the natural worry consequent on leaving home and belongings, they, too, enjoyed their change.

Life in what is "home" for some Britons in the corners of our far-

## MORE RAIN?

Southerly or variable winds, moderate, equally, overcast, rain is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

The Korean depression has been moving into the sea of Japan. The Indo-China depression is stationary. An anticyclone has formed over N. China.

flung Empire can be, and frequently is, dull and boring.

Like other places out East, we have our Happy Valley, and it is here that the different sports, so vital to us as a nation, hold their sway.

The brilliant colours of the jockeys' riding kit, the colourful brocades of the kimonos worn by the Chinese women racing devotees, and our own gay European dress, with the clear champagne-like air and brilliant sun, make a picture never to be forgotten when Happy Valley satellites are enjoying a winter day's racing commensurate with its name.

Forgotten for the moment are the muggy, steamy days and nights when it was almost an effort to light a cigarette, and when the tyro wonders what a stitch of dry clothing feels like. Are we not revealing in the twelve weeks' "sooth," which is Hong Kong's winter, when health is recuperated and life renewed?

The interport cricket week, when teams from Shanghai and Malaya come to challenge ours, is also a gay and cheery event.

Day after day we turn out in our finery, and nowhere is there a more appreciative audience.

Tea at a Famous Club.

Then, for one of the loveliest sights imaginable, commend me to the one of Hong Kong Harbour when the yachts—red and white wings of ocean—are racing, when members are "teasing" at the famous club, and when ships of all nations are coming and going, from the mighty British man-of-war and the floating palaces of America to a sail-patched pirate junk.

Behind all this is the veritable fairyland which comprises Hong Kong, the land-locked harbour, and the Peak with its tiers of lordly mansions and such verdure as the world can surely show nowhere else.

Clubs are essential for exiles, and Hong Kong is not lacking in these. They are at once a blessing and a joy. Here is to be seen the Briton, of both genders, at his and her best, and here is extended the hand of fellowship.

The "Hong Kong stare" is proverbial out East, and although the passing traveller may have ex-

## BAT BEATS BALL.

Crop Of County Cricket Centuries.

"PATSY" IN FORM.

Huge Totals Featured In Home Championship Games.

At Brighton Gloucestershire defeated Sussex by eight wickets. Gloucester made 330 (Dipper 119), Hollingdale taking five for 25; and 49 for two.

Sussex scored 173 and, following on, 202, Hammond taking six for 62.

Notts Win.  
At Nottingham Notts beat Somerset by seven wickets.

Notts made 333 and 87 for three. Somerset scored 159 and, following on, 260.

Hobbs Again.  
At the Oval Surrey drew with West Indies.

The Homesters made 285 (Gregory 96) and 250 for no loss, declared (Sandham 108, Hobbs 128).

The visitors scored 318 and 118 for six.

Hendren's "Double."  
At Lords Hampshire won on first innings against Middlesex.

Hampshire scored 540 (Hosie 106, Kennedy 121, Mead 157). Middlesex scored 200 (Hendren 94) and, following on, 532 for three (Hendren 200, Lee 160, Haig 103 not out).

"Sutty" and Holmes.  
At Leyton Yorkshire won on first innings against Essex.

Yorkshire made 514 for six declared (Sutcliffe 129, Holmes 136, Leyland 133).

Essex scored 226 and, following on, 223 for two (O'Connor 130 not out).

8 For 1!  
At Leicester Kent took first innings points from Leicestershire.

Kent made 255, Bale taking four wickets for 8 runs; and 311. Leicestershire scored 234, Ashdown taking four for 9; and 100 for two.

At Ilkeston Derbyshire won on first innings against Glamorgan-shire.

Derby scored 189 and 314. Glamorgan scored 282 (Hills 111) and 103 for three.

Hallows in Form.  
At Birmingham Lancashire won on first innings against Warwickshire.

Lancashire scored 340 (Hallows 123) and 232 for four declared (Hallows 101 not out).

Warwick made 205, Iddon taking eight for 50; and 231 for one (Kilner 187 not out).—Reuter.

## FLOOD WATERS.

U.S. GOVERNMENT'S BIG TASK.

Washington, Yesterday.  
President Coolidge has signed the Mississippi Control Bill committing the Government to the herculean task of curbing flood waters, probably one of the greatest engineering enterprises ever known, at a cost of over \$50,000,000.—Reuter's American Service.

## THE "ITALIA."

ON TRIP TO NORTH POLAR REGIONS?

Kings Bay, Yesterday.  
The airship "Italia" has taken on, it is understood, a three-day flight to Greenland and the North Polar regions.—Reuter.

cause for believing in its truth, it is refuted when the ice is broken.

In our courts of justice it is to be found the most interesting of material. Human life stories are always that; but what with the necessity of interpreters, the numerous domestic questions arising from polygamy, the ever present pirate clans, reminding one of Conrad's characters; the ubiquitous opium smugglers versed alike in craft and ingenuity, here is interest and guile in abundance.

Dancing is such a feature all over the world that it seems superfluous to mention it.

But, near Hong Kong, at Repulse Bay Hotel, on a carnival night, when myriads of phosphorescent lights on the sea vie with Chinese lanterns in ball-room and on balconies, when golden sands and moonlight waters tempt us from the strains of jazz, then, indeed, is dancing presented to us in the very realms of Queen Mab herself. I

## WHOSE FAULT?

FIRING THE FIRST SHOT AT TSINAN.

A BAD POINT.

Foreign Eye-Witness Describes Chinese Attacks.

CHIANG DID THE BEST HE COULD.

Light is shed on the vexed questions attending the origin of the series of clashes at Tsinan between the Southern troops and the Japanese.

"Who fired the first shot will never be known. But it is a bad point against the Chinese soldiers that the Japanese did remove their barricades when asked to do so."

That is what a foreign eyewitness says. He also describes attacks by Chinese soldiers on Japanese shops and the circumstantial evidence here is that an attempt was made to force banknotes on the tradesmen of Nippon.

But, says the eyewitness, all are agreed that Chiang Kai-shek did well—in fact, his utmost to stop the firing, only some of his soldiers would not obey orders.

## THE LAWLESS ELEMENT.

The following are extracts from a report by a Tsingtao correspondent of the "North China Daily News" who interviewed two foreigners who got out of Stein's Hotel and down to Tsingtao from Tsinan. One was Mr. H. J. Timperley (formerly of the "China Mail"), Peking correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian," who is also connected with the China Famine Relief Association. The other is the informant of the "N. C. Daily News." After referring to the situation in Tsinan before the crisis he says:—

Marshal Chang Tsung-chaing of the Northern Army left Tsinan at midnight on Tuesday, May 1, for Tehchow. The Northern evacuation was orderly and conditions at Tsinan prior to the arrival of the Southern forces peaceful—no looting or disturbances of any sort.

Russian Captives.

It is stated on good authority that the Northern forces mined their encampment at Sinchuang and that on Wednesday, May 2, some 200 Southern soldiers were badly wounded.

The Northern army was able to evacuate all their aeroplanes; no rolling stock was captured except one armoured Russian train covering the retirement which was cut off at the Yellow River bridges and captured. Later the Russians on the train were led captive through Tsinan with stout cords pierced through their noses.

Feng's Troops Seize Missions.  
On Wednesday morning, May 2, Southern forces began to arrive at Tsinan from Tai-an and Ming-shui on the Shantung Railway.

In the interval Japanese armed forces consisting of 500 of all ranks from the Tientsin Garrison erected street barricades of barbed wire and sandbags in two protected areas. Two areas were formed instead of one in order to permit the Chinese populace to pass through without hindrance, as one area would have cut off several main arteries of travel.

The troops arriving were those

of Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang (the "Christian General") and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek; and it is to be recorded that Feng Yu-hsiang's troops immediately on arrival at Tsinan seized all Roman Catholic premises for billeting their soldiers.

Japanese Barricades Removed.  
Immediately after the arrival of Chiang Kai-shek the barricades were removed, and up to the evening of May 2 everything was quiet, no disorder—"business as usual."

There is no doubt that it was hoped on both Chiang Kai-shek's side and the Japanese that the removal of the barricades would relieve the tension, which was undoubtedly great. At all the Japanese barricades were large posters clearly written in Chinese, announcing that the Japanese were there only to guard their own property and had no intention of interfering with the Chinese in any way. Chinese youths were continually trying to slip up to these posters and paste anti-Japanese handbills on them.

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Chiang Kai-shek did well, all are agreed he did his utmost to stop the Chinese firing, but the soldiers would not obey orders.

The Shooting Begins.  
On Thursday, May 3, at 10.30 in the morning shooting started, which, from several reliable sources, would indicate that Southern soldiery were insisting on Japanese and other shops accepting notes issued by the Central Bank and other forms of military notes.

Chinese soldiers attached to General Ho Yao-tsu, composed of Hunan units, started an attack on several Japanese shops, particularly those situated along the second horse road and began to loot. It is worthy of note that several of these troops were equipped with Mills bombs and other forms of hand-grenades. Naturally Japanese soldiers intervened, and indiscriminate fighting ensued. At no time, the informant says, were more Japanese soldiers engaged than the 500 mentioned above.

Southerners Withdrawn.  
Late on Friday (May 4) Chiang Kai-shek came to an understanding with the Japanese forces that all Southern forces would be immediately evacuated to a distance of 30 li (9 miles) from Tsinan and be kept away from Tsinan until a later date. On Sunday, May 6, competent foreign observers are able to state that this withdrawal of the Southern forces had actually been accomplished.

As is pointed out by the "N. C. Daily News," it may be recalled, some of Chiang Kai-shek's troops refused to go, and it was this that led to the second outbreak of fighting on May 7. The second outbreak ended with the Japanese blowing up parts of the city walls, effecting disarmament and capturing a number of Southern troops.

## CRISIS PASSED.

HERR STRESEMANN STILL VERY WEAK.

Berlin, Yesterday.

Herr Stresemann is very weak and has refused food for three days, but has passed the crisis. Doctors state that after three weeks in bed he must go on a long holiday, preferably to Egypt.—Reuter.

## CALCUTTA STRIKE.

15,000 JUTE WORKERS DOWN TOOLS.

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.....	火油	公	50	51	—

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.....	沙	每	each	—	—	—
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.....	老	苗	"	5	10	—
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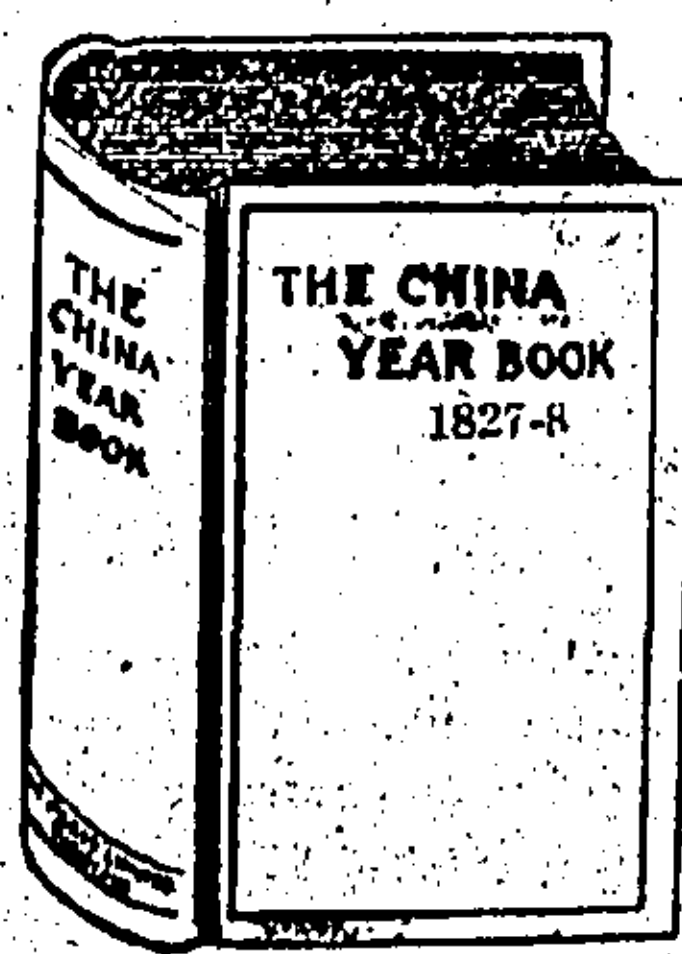
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 9th MAY to 25th MAY, both days inclusive.

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### SAVING AMERICA.

#### CAN EUROPE TURN THE TRICK?

[By Stacy Aumonier.]

The other day someone sent me a book from America. Amongst the paper in which it was wrapped I came across a portion of a fortnight old copy of the "Chicago Daily Tribune."

Now the "Chicago Daily Tribune" claims to be—and I believe quite justly—one of the greatest newspapers in the world. Being interested in such things I thought I would look to see whether there was anything of note in it. And there was. There was the leading article, and it was headed: "In Prohibition the Law Against Murder is Repealed." This seemed promising, and so I began to read:—

"Three coastguardsmen accused of murder have been acquitted in a U.S. district court in Florida. They shot and killed a man in a boat they were chasing. After they had killed the man and taken the boat they did not find liquor or weapons on board."

"In the usual procedure of protecting prohibition enforcement, agents, the United States gave the killers the protection of the Federal Court. An assistant attorney-general was sent from Washington to acquit the men. A special jury was picked from the back counties of the district, the coast-wise counties being excluded. That expedient was used to keep off the jury any citizens who might have a prejudice against murder in the name of enforcement."

"With the scene thus arranged the Government brought the agents off successfully. . . ."

Shot Without Challenge.  
Please note that this is not some sensational-seeking little provincial rag speaking. It is the "Chicago Daily Tribune."

The editorial goes on to demonstrate that the only surviving witness from the boat affirmed that it was not challenged, and the first intimation they had of the chase was when Jones, the victim, cried out that he was shot. The judge overrode this evidence and "the carefully-selected jury" held with the Government that the victim had forfeited his life when for whatever reason the boat was not stopped!

"The victim has as much right to his life as any person in the United States, who has not forfeited it by crime," continued the "Chicago Tribune" rather petulantly.

"He lost it because quick trigger prohibition enforcers did not care whether their shots killed an innocent person or not, because the Federal encourages them, because Prohibition sentiment in the country justifies such killings and defends the acts." It ends up by mildly commenting:—

"Murder and no punishment. An innocent man killed and the killers free with the approval of Government and morality. The conscience of the United States has been given something worse than intoxicating liquor."

Dear, Dear!

Dear, dear! Isn't that too bad? What astounds me about all this is not the facts of the case, the like of which are becoming more and more familiar to Europeans, but the extraordinary mildness of this editorial protest. It is just as though the editor said: "Listen to this! Isn't it unfair! But still bootleggers will be bootleggers." There is no hint of righteous indignation, no passion, no suggestion of carrying the matter further, or doing anything about it. It is presented as little more than an item of interesting but unpleasant news.

If such an appalling act of social injustice were to happen in this country, or any other civilised European country, can you imagine the howl of protest that would go up from the entire Press? Not only that, but the matter would not be allowed to end there. There would be public protestations, deputations and inquiries. The officers responsible for the act would be hounded out of public life. But it is as though—to quote the "Chicago Tribune"—"the conscience of the United States has been given something worse than intoxicating liquor." What is this extraordinary dope that drugs a

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people into the belief that it is a greater crime to drink a glass of beer than to shoot an innocent man in cold blood? What does this callous indifference to murder imply? Why is it that a country like the United States, which started so well, has got all its moral and social values so mixed?

The fact of the matter is that from the beginning Europe has treated America very badly. Since the Plymouth Brethren no civilising influence has entered that country with the idea of stopping there and doing good. And that splendid old Puritan stock, mostly Anglo-Saxon and Dutch, has been swamped by the progeny of niggers, dogs, and the sweepings of Eastern Europe.

Get On and Get Out?  
The United States is now, I suppose, the only country in the world that no one visits for pleasure. After it had enjoyed a century or so of material prosperity, Europe recognised that here was the largest and most gullible public to be found anywhere. And Europe proceeded to exploit it, and has been exploiting it ever since.

Even the emigrants, who pour in by thousands, have no idea of settling there. Their idea is to make as much money as quickly as they can and go back home and retire. And that is the keynote of all the visitors to that country. Effete aristocrats visit there in the hope of finding rich wives, English authors, Scandinavian explorers, German scientists, adventurers of all sorts go on long lecture tours. They embellish their lectures with all kinds of flattery for the land of their visit, and when it is over they pouch the cheque and write home to wives: "God! what a country!"

Those Who Stay.  
As for the musicians, the fat singers, and the scraggy instrumentalists, they are as a rule too ill-bred to conceal their contempt for the land which pays them so well. Everyone wants to grab what they can and get away. Nor can it be said that the cultivated Americans help matters much. Some there are—business men, lawyers, politicians, etc.—who cannot get away, but those with leisure, and particularly those with a bent towards the arts, gradually percolate to Europe.

They come at first on a visit, and then another visit, and then the visits get longer and longer, and at last they find themselves living over here, and they confess that they find the social life of the United States intolerable. And so poor dear America, hungry for culture, anxious for improvement, willing to put up patiently with all these foreign insults if the end be justified, finds itself alone fighting for its own soul, with only crude material at its disposal. Can you wonder that it breeds a type of morality that bewilders the older civilisation?

Is It Too Late?

And even now one wonders whether it still may not be too late. Can Europe do nothing to save America? Why should not the League of Nations appoint a small commission, with—let us say—representatives from Portugal, Albania, Lapland, and Turkey—to visit the United States and hold a conference with the two prospective candidates for the Presidency to discuss the possibility and advisability of introducing a measure of civilisation into the American continent?

One can almost see Sir Austen Chamberlain looking down his nose and whispering to M. Briand that he thinks such a conference should be conducted in camera. Naturally. One wouldn't like to think of so drastic a reformation being a subject of little-tattle all over the world. The sensibilities of the people of the United States must be considered.

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### SIR C. MARKHAM. "SOMEWHERE IN THE FRENCH CONGO."

#### BUILDING SCHEME.

At Leeds. Assizes last month an action was heard in which Mr. Harold Percy Fanshawe, of Fifth Park-road, Sheffield, sued Mr. Robert Tong, a farmer, of Appleby, near Briggs, Lincolnshire, for commission alleged to be due on money raised for the purchase and development of the Chaddleston Hall estate near Derby.

Mr. C. E. Paley Scott, for Mr. Fanshawe, said the only real defence was that at the material time Mr. Tong had dissolved a partnership with Sir Charles Markham. Sir Charles, continued Mr. Paley Scott, was found not to be so well supplied with money as was hoped, and he (Mr. Scott) thought later, left the country.

Mr. Tong, in evidence, said Sir Charles was now somewhere in the French Congo. Mr. Paley Scott: It is a little difficult to get people back from there if they do not wish to come.

Mr. Ernest T. Hooley, of Risley Hall, Derbyshire, gave evidence for the defence, and asked by Mr. Paley Scott in cross-examination regarding a man whose name was mentioned on one of the documents said he was in his employ at Risley Hall.

Mr. Paley Scott: So he is one of the jolly family at Risley Hall. So you stuff your farm labourers' pockets with banknotes?—I have no wealth at all, but I have a good wife who has. He did not think it necessary to obtain a commission note from Sir Charles Markham, as Sir Charles's word was good enough for him.

Mr. Paley Scott: Have you ever heard of the brain of a scheme and the power behind the throne, and have you occupied such a position?—Sometimes.

This is your scheme?—Yes. I bought the estate for Sir Charles and told him he ought to build houses on it. If he had done that he would have made a fortune. Mr. Justice Branson, dismissing the action with costs, said he accepted the evidence of Mr. Tong. "It is true," he added, "it is backed only by the evidence of Hooley, who has had a checkered career in these courts, and he is not one on whose evidence alone I should be prepared to place much reliance. But in this case there is the fact that Hooley was going fifty-fifty with Fanshawe."

### IN PRISON.

#### GOVERNOR OFFICIATES AT WEDDING.

Rome.—A curious ceremony took place in Turin, where a prisoner, named Giuseppe Grana, was married before starting his sentence of four years' imprisonment for theft. Grana was engaged to a shop-girl, aged 23, who appeared, neatly dressed, accompanied by two girl friends. She had not seen her lover for a whole year, as during that time he was awaiting trial.

The Podesta of Turin, Count Brozzolo, personally officiated, and went to the prison with two clerks from the Town Hall, who carried the marriage register. The Podesta put on his tricolour sash, as if he were officiating in the Town Hall. Three warders acted as witnesses, and the governor of the prison acted as best man. The bridegroom was allowed to put on a dark suit, instead of the prison garb, and looked well. He simply shook hands with his bride, as if he had seen her only the evening before.

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### A COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY.

During the past five years the Radio Research Board, established under the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, has been conducting an investigation into the various aspects of wireless direction-finding of both practical and scientific interest. A summary of this work is given in an official report by Dr. R. L. Smith-Rose, entitled "A Study of Radio Direction-Finding," and recently published by H.M. Stationery Office (Radio Research, Special Report No. 5, 1927).

Many of the results obtained during the progress of the investigations have been previously published, particularly in the form of official reports, and these constitute a record suitable for those people interested in exact details of the measurements obtained. The object of the present report is rather to give a comprehensive survey of the subject as the result of the investigation and to supplement the previous records with the further results obtained during the past two years.

#### Early Development.

In the first section of the report, states "The Times," a summary is given of the early development of wireless direction-finding up to the year 1921, when the investigations of the Radio Research Board were commenced. Among the earliest experiments undertaken was a study of the various instrumental and local errors to which direction-finders are liable and which must be removed or compensated for before accurate bearings can be obtained with such instruments. In these experiments it was found that such obstacles as metal-

framed buildings, overhead wires, and trees produce an appreciable error in the readings of a direction-finder placed in their vicinity. It is not necessary for the disturbing metal-work to be above the surface of the ground, for a somewhat large error experienced at one of the stations used in this work was ultimately found to be due to a long sheet of expanded steel which supported a sewer duct at some four or five feet below the ground level.

#### Network of Stations.

For the purpose of making systematic observations on the transmissions from various European stations, 10 identical direction-finding stations were erected in the British Isles in 1921 and operated under the control of the National Physical Laboratory at Teddington. At a later date two further stations were brought into operation, and thus completed a network stretching from Orford on the East Coast to Bristol and Belfast in the West, and to Aberdeen and Lerwick in the extreme North. These stations were engaged in taking regular daily observations over a period of from two to five years, and the results obtained have been analysed in detail, and are discussed in this and the preceding reports.

#### Various Ranges.

At the various ranges of transmission of from 10 to 1,500 miles it was found that the bearings of transmitting stations were reliable by day to an extreme error of 4 deg., the great majority of the readings being correct to within 2 deg. During the hours of darkness, however, it was found that under certain conditions the observed bearings were subject to erratic variations, which makes accurate direction-finding very difficult. Fortunately for the important application of direction-finding to marine navigation, these variable night errors are not en-

countered when the path of transmission is entirely over sea and is limited to a distance of about 100 miles. When the transmission path is overland these night errors begin to be effective at the shorter ranges of 30 miles and over. In some of the more recent experiments observations were made in this country on the transmissions from some of the American stations at distances of over 3,000 miles, and it was then found that the above night errors were not present, although they were very serious indeed for a shorter range of 760 miles.

#### Theory Verified.

The co-ordination of the large quantity of data obtained in this investigation has furnished very exact information as to the actual nature and magnitude of the various effects observed, and the results are found to be in good agreement with the observations made in other countries, as widely scattered as France, Germany, America, and China.

The research work in this country has further led to a verification of the theory advanced some years ago to account for these direction-finding phenomena. In this theory it is assumed that a portion of the wireless wave energy from a transmitting station travels in the upper regions of the earth's atmosphere, and is then deflected downwards towards the earth.

#### Strict Examination.

At the receiving station these downcoming waves interfere with those which have travelled along the surface of the earth and produce the variations in bearings on direction-finders, and also the fading of received signals. In the report of the Radio Research Board under discussion this theory is subjected to a strict numerical examination, and is found to account satisfactorily for the various phenomena experienced. Furthermore, as a result of this accurate understanding of the subject, a system of direction-finding has been developed which is entirely free from the above erratic night errors. This system has been tested in the early stages, and is now being developed from practical point of view.

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#### RADIO RESEARCH BOARD'S WORK.

#### RESULTS ENCOURAGING.

Much has already been done by the Radio Research Board, established under the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, in regard to the investigation into the various aspects of wireless direction finding, both in relation to overland work and marine navigation. A good deal has already been published as to the progress made during the past five years over which the investigations have extended, and the results so far have been very encouraging, says the "Journal of Commerce." The latest report is more in the nature of a comprehensive survey of the work done during the period, but it also supplements the previous reports in a number of important details.

#### Detecting Errors.

In all there have been established in and around the British Isles a dozen identical wireless direction finding stations; all of these being operated under the control of the National Physical Laboratory at Teddington, and regular daily observations have been and are being made. In the earlier stages great care was necessary in the endeavour to detect errors, for the results were often affected by such disturbing influences as the proximity of telephone wires, trees, buildings in the construction of which metal was largely used and other causes, and it was often found that metal underground was a considerable source of trouble. It was not until these influences were detected and allowed for that real progress was possible.

#### A Theory Upheld.

Tests were made between the transmitting station at distances varying from ten to a thousand miles, and it was found that day transmission was more reliable, generally speaking, than during the night. In the hours of darkness erratic conditions frequently prevailed, and the error was greater than during the day time, particularly overland. Transmission over the sea was less liable to variation up to the 100 mile limit. In some of the long distant experiments over sea, however, considerable variation was found, which, singularly enough, were not detected at distances approaching 3,000 miles and over.

#### Satisfactory Feature.

A satisfactory feature of the experiments is that a close examination of the data obtained by means of these transmissions produced results which are found to be in agreement with the observations made in other countries near and far. One very interesting feature of the present report is the support it supplies to the theory advanced some years ago to account for the vagaries of wireless reception. This theory assumed that the waves of wireless energy as well as being transmitted over the surface of the earth also travelled to the outer portion of the atmosphere, and were thence deflected earthwards, meeting and affecting those waves which travelled along the earth's surface.

#### Close Examination.

The theory was subjected to close examination and experiment, and it was found to account in a satisfactory manner for the variations observed at the receiving station. As a result of the knowledge thus attained it has been found possible to evolve a system of direction finding which is not affected by the night errors which have been such a source of trouble in the past, and experiments along these lines will be continued, but already the practical use of this system is being developed. Its value from the point of view of the safety of shipping is almost incalculable. Already the help afforded by the wireless direction finder is exceedingly great, but its future potentialities are enormous.

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cently completed a trip from Seattle  
to Yokohama. With the arrest of  
the ship's assistant cook the officials  
learned the tragic end of a scheme  
to beat the immigration laws of  
the United States.

It is stated that the assistant  
cook agreed with the six would-be-  
immigrants to conceal them on the  
ship, and care for them until their  
arrival at Seattle, where he was  
to arrange some method of slipping  
them into the United States. It is  
believed he locked them in a com-  
partment of the lower hold.

Identification impossible.  
Whether the vigilance of the  
authorities at Seattle broke up the  
plan is not known, but something  
went wrong, and the cook was  
unable to carry out his part of the  
bargain. From his story it was learned  
that he was so badly frightened  
that he did not release the prisoners,  
and even failed to take food or  
water to them.

The "Yahiko Maru" sailed from  
Seattle, but he did not report the  
presence of the stowaways to the  
ship's officers. The six, locked in  
without nourishment and unable to  
make themselves heard, died of  
starvation on the trip back to  
Yokohama. When the ship reached  
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nition. One of the women was  
charged with regard to one auto-  
matic pistol magazine and 222  
rounds of ammunition, whilst the

other was alleged to have had in  
her possession six automatic pistol  
magazines and 87 rounds of am-  
munition. Pleas of not guilty  
were entered by all, and owing to  
the indisposition of Mr. C. A. S.  
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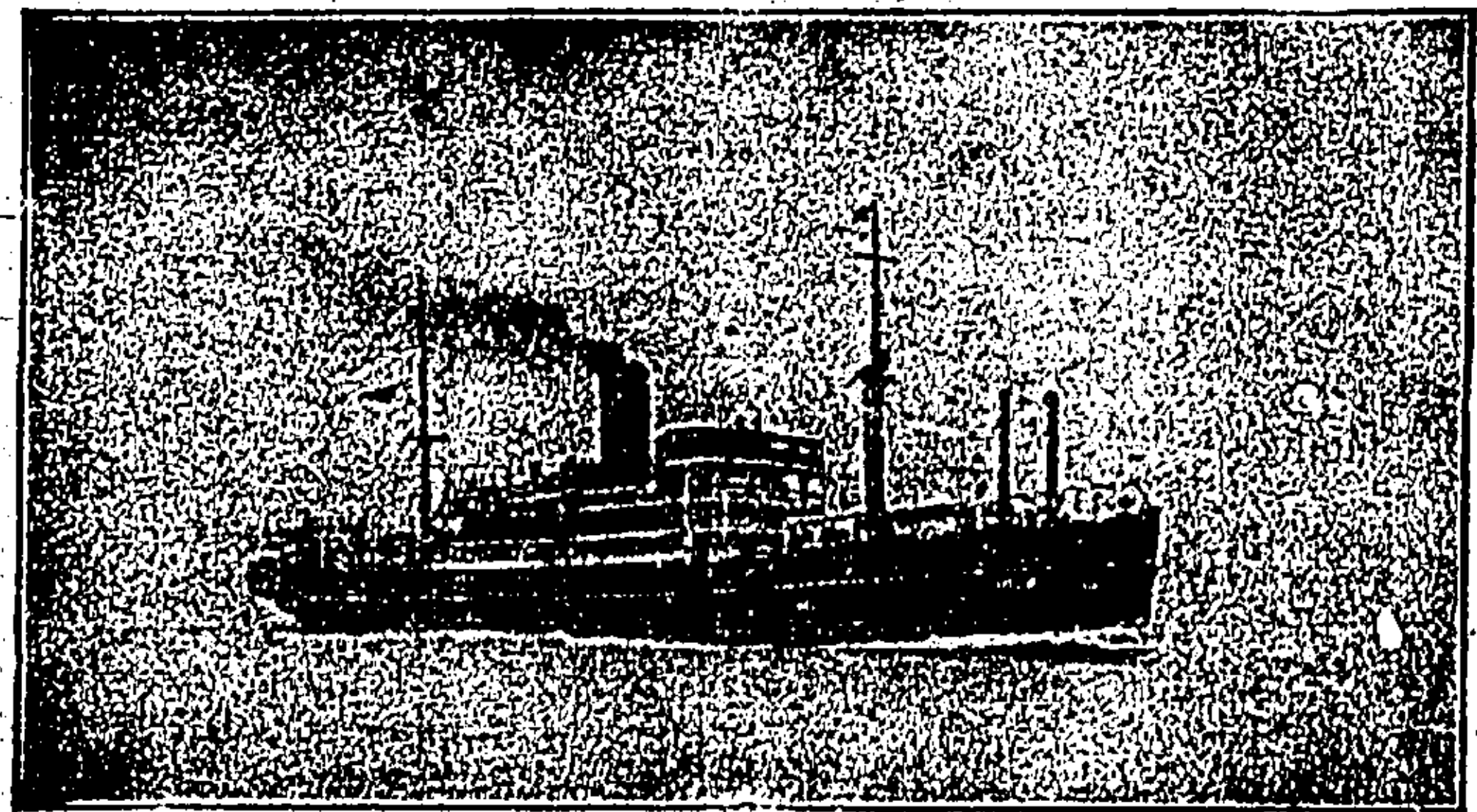
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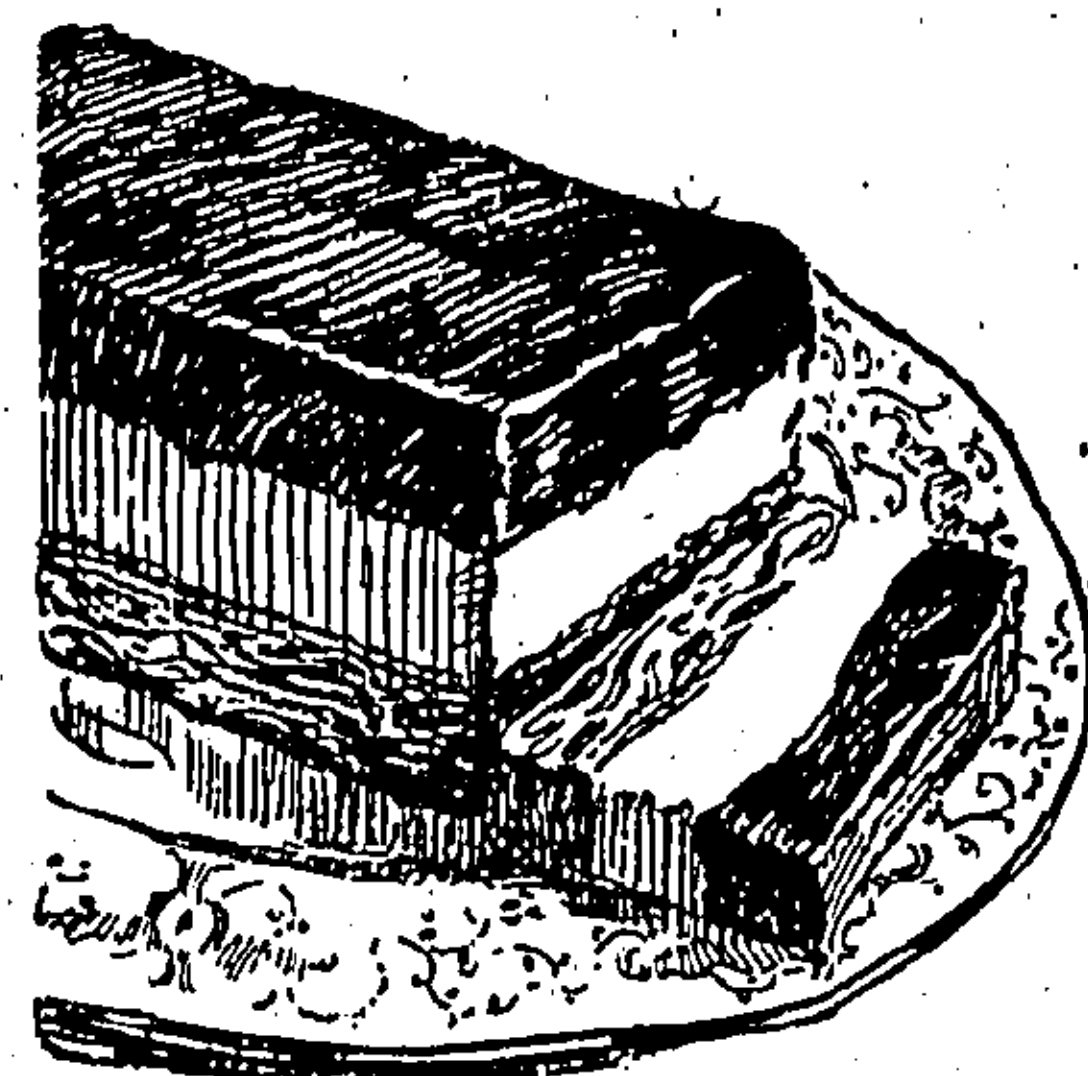
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### CHIANG'S PREDICAMENT.

Every day brings a fresh phase in connection with the war in the north and the incidence of Japanese intervention. To-day's angle is provided by the publication of what are termed "The Five Demands" of Japan. The Chinese, quite naturally, consider them high-handed; Japan and supporters of her policy will consider them at least mild. Also, quite naturally, an outburst of indignation is to be expected from the Nationalists, against whom the demands are levelled. The outcome no doubt will be that Japan will get what she wants so far as it is possible for the Nationalists to give it. Japan generally gets what she wants in China; history has proven this.

As to the demands. The first stipulates that Chiang Kai-shek shall make an apology in person, and it is a pity that this is given premier place. The other four are by no means so severe, from a Chinese point of view, and if they had been complied with perhaps this one embracing a personal apology could have been waived. As it is, Chiang Kai-shek is most likely categorically to refuse to comply with it; indeed, it is about the last thing he would think of doing; the loss of "face" would be tremendous. Japan, of course, realises this; and it certainly appears as if that country means to "rub it in." The second demand, that General Ho Yao-tsu "the originator" of the incident, be punished, is one easily satisfied. This General Ho is a subordinate, and it is a common practice for subordinates to be punished, guilty or not guilty. The third demand, too, should present no serious obstacles. It calls for the disarming of all

Chinese troops captured by the Japanese, adding that the arms would be returned to the Nationalists when a settlement had been effected.

The last two demands point to nothing to which any great exception can be taken. It is laid down that no Chinese troops shall come within twenty miles of the Tsing-tao-Tsinan Railway until the settlement is completed and, lastly, that Chiang Kai-shek shall officially appoint delegates, compensation to be arranged through the usual diplomatic channels. Such are the demands, and according to one translated version before us there is note to the effect that if they are complied with Southern forces will be allowed to pass through Tsinan on their way to the Northern front. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is thus placed in an extremely awkward position. If he bows his head to that first demand, his prestige, Chinese style, will suffer a blow from which there will be no recovery. If he rejects the demands the immediate result—others of more consequence would arise—will be the complete frustration of his avowed object, the taking of the capital and the attempted unification of China by force of arms. In brief, he has to do what Japan dictates or abandon his ambition. The situation, to say the least, is interesting.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### THESE PROFESSORS.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."] Sir—As a new arrival I am struck by the repeated mention of Professor This and Professor That in the local papers. What does "Professor" mean? Does it mean that they are simply well versed in some particular subject, or is "Professor" a degree conferred upon a person by some qualified authority in England, or can anybody call himself "Professor"? If I am lucky at cards and have a wonderful credit each month can I call myself "Professor of Bridge"? Are the "Professors" in England, those who sell patent corn killers, patent medicines, renowned cough cures, and such like, in the same category, or do they get their degrees direct from Headquarters in England? Finally, what does "Professor" mean, what does it signify, and what is to prevent, say a froth-blower calling himself a "Professor" of his own particular art, in some cases, from the quantity they blow, or science?

Yours, etc.,  
ENQUIRER.

#### GIRL'S ATTEMPT.

A 14-year-old Chinese girl living on the ground floor of No. 14, Salisbury Street, attempt to commit suicide yesterday by jumping into the harbour near Wilmer Street. She was rescued and removed to the Government Civil Hospital, suffering from the effects of immersion.

### TRIPLE MARRIAGE.

YOUNGSAYE BROTHERS AND THEIR BRIDES.

#### HANGCHOW HONEYMOON.

The three Youngsaye brothers, who have distinguished themselves in various activities in the Colony, were married together yesterday at the local registry.

Mr. A. V. Youngsaye of Messrs. Russ & Co. is the English secretary of the Chinese Athletic Association. His bride was Miss Lai Yung-mei.

Mr. J. L. Youngsaye is a master at the Diocesan Boys' School. He played cricket for the University when he was there, turns out regularly for the Chinese Recreation Club, and has performed wonders in coaching the Diocesan School XI's. The present unprecedented high standard of school cricket is due largely to his efforts. His bride was Miss Chen Sze-ching of Shanghai.

Mr. W. A. Youngsaye has also figured in "Varsity cricket." His bride is Miss Chow Hok-kee of Canton.

#### The Reception.

Mr. Young Hee of Messrs. Russ & Co., uncle of the bridegrooms, received about two hundred guests at the reception in Messrs. Lane Crawford's restaurant. The Rev. W. T. Featherstone, M.A., proposed the health of the brides and bridegrooms.

The Chinese ceremony will be performed at Canton. The honeymoon is to be spent at Shanghai and Hangchow, China's famous beauty spot in Chekiang province.

### M. ZOUBKOV.

A MEETING AND AN EASTER EGG.

#### PRINCESS'S HUSBAND.

Brussels.—M. Zoubkov, the young Russian husband of the ex-Kaiser's sister, Princess Victoria of Schaumburg-Lippe, has gone to Rumania, the only country in Europe prepared to give him hospitality.

According to the "Meuse," a Liege newspaper, M. Zoubkov was able to spend a few hours with his wife, his mother, and Mme. Nyssens, the woman with whom he first came to Belgium. The women crossed the frontier at Tulle, and the Princess in a dark blue tailor-made costume and smart grey felt hat, fervently embraced M. Zoubkov, and presented him with an Easter egg she had brought specially from Bonn for him.

They had luncheon at Dolhian, and the Princess stated that she had written to Charlotte Grand Duchess of Luxemburg asking that she, "Victoria von Zoubkov, Princess of Prussia," and her husband might be allowed to settle down peacefully in the grand duchy.

"My Dear Husband," "Alexander and I married because we loved one another, and our love is still as great," said Princess Victoria. "The Germans detest him, and they believe that they were acting gallantly towards me in not expelling me with my dear husband."

After luncheon the women returned by motor-car to Bonn, while M. Zoubkov went back to Verviers to pack.

### HEROIN PIPE.

NOVELTY EXHIBITED IN COURT.

At the Central this morning, a Chinese was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with the unlawful possession of 49 heroin pills, and pleaded "guilty." C.P.O. Clark who arrested the man on the Tai-ping ferry boat, exhibited to the Magistrate a novel pipe which the accused admitted was for the purpose of smoking the pills in the same way as opium. The pipe consisted of a small porcelain jar with a small neck in which was inserted a length of hollow bamboo. In the side of the jar a small hole was bored just big enough to insert a pill. The C.P.O. added that at the time of this arrest the accused threw two parcels overboard. At least one of the parcels, Mr. Clark was sure contained opium as he had a glimpse of opium tins before the parcel disappeared underneath the surface of the water. The Magistrate remanded the accused until Friday, fixing bail in the sum of \$1,000.

#### INSANE CHINESE.

A Chinese, aged about 47 years, who is apparently insane, was yesterday found by the police in Belchers Street, Kennedy Town, behaving in an unusual manner. He had an injury over his right eye and a cut on the upper lip, and was removed to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment and observation.

### COLONY'S HEALTH.

DR. KOCH'S MOTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD.

#### INACTIVITY ALLEGED.

A number of members not voting, the following motion tabled by Dr. W. V. M. Koch at the Sanitary Board was adopted at yesterday's meeting by three votes to none:—

"That this Board respectfully suggests to the Authorities the propriety of setting in action investigations into the possibility of devising means for the prevention of the prevalent infectious diseases, such as typhoid, malaria, tuberculosis, etc. It further suggests that such investigations might be undertaken by local medical men, under the direction of the Government, and that their reports be published for the guidance of the community."

The attendance comprised:—Mr. W. J. Carrie (President), the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, C.B.E., the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Dr. G. W. Pope, Dr. H. A. Fawcett, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Dr. S. C. Ho, Dr. S. W. Tso, LL.D., Mr. Wong Kwong-tin and Mr. J. Watson (secretary).

#### Inadequate Measures.

Dr. S. C. Ho was the seconder of the motion. The President replied on behalf of the Government.

Dr. Koch went very extensively into statistics and other details. Present sanitary measures were inadequate, he said, and the Government should do much more than it does.

Attention was drawn by Dr. Koch to the fact that results of investigations by medical experts in the past had been pigeon-holed. "The application of methods of preventing the diffusion of diseases has been woefully neglected in this Colony. The authorities have adopted an attitude of apathetic acquiescence when it was their bounden duty to direct enquiry and research," said Dr. Koch.

#### Public Lectures.

Steps should be taken, he pointed out, to investigate the origin and prevent the diffusion of diseases. Dr. Koch criticised the unhealthy way in which food was exposed for sale and the transport of pig carcasses in open carts or on the shoulders of perspiring coolies.

Dr. Ho pleaded for public education in hygiene by lectures and demonstrations by the Government health officers.

Dr. S. W. Tso said that investigation will help considerably in preventing infectious disease. In this connection, he felt, the local Chinese medical practitioners can help materially.

#### "Boards" Not "Department."

Dr. G. W. Pope, the Medical Officer of Health, replied on medical matters raised by Dr. Koch.

Mr. W. J. Carrie (the President) expressed the opinion that the matter of the condition in which food was exposed for sale in the market was within the province of the Board. Dr. Koch had used the words "within the province of the Sanitary Department," said Mr. Carrie. It struck him (Mr. Carrie) throughout the whole of Dr. Koch's speech, except in regard to the remarks as to the cause of various diseases, that the Department was referred to where it should have been the Board.

#### Extending Education.

When he first saw the motion, Mr. Carrie continued, he wondered whether the Board was only asked to bring to the notice of the Government that research into the causes was required—but it was admitted that the causes were known—and that the resolution was only to ask the Government to devise means of prevention.

As to Dr. Ho's remarks on public health, Mr. Carrie agreed that education could be extended. The co-operation of Chinese medical practitioners would be of the greatest possible use.

Mr. Carrie doubted whether private practitioners will have the time for an investigation such as proposed by Dr. Koch.

### ROUND HIS WAIST.

WELL KNOWN CHARACTER FINED.

Arrested in Eastern Street, West Point, yesterday, a Chinese was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistrate's Court with the unlawful possession of 40 tins of prepared non-Government opium which was found tied to his waist. He said that a friend whom he met coming from a sampan at the Praya gave him the opium to carry. Inspector Clark told the Magistrate that the accused was a well-known character who was always hanging about the wharves. Mr. Lindsell imposed a fine of \$2,500, or in default, six months' hard labour.

### 'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

"Hi, mister," called the driver of a huge dray. "Will you kindly hold my horse's head for me while I get down?"

The pedestrian hesitated. "Well, I'll do my best," he observed, approaching gingerly, "though I don't know much about horses. Er—which one shall I hold?"

"The off 'un," replied the driver. "Dear me, poor thing," exclaimed the pedestrian. "Do you mean this sad-looking one?"

"No, I don't," cried the driver. "I said the off 'un, didn't I?" "Yes, I know you did," replied the pedestrian "but, as I wasn't at his parent's funeral, how the dickens am I to guess which is the orphan?"

Lady: Wasn't it you to whom I gave a glass of elderberry wine last Wednesday?

Mendicant: "Yes, ma'am—I've come to see if you could sell me a bottle of it."

Constable (giving evidence): "And the prisoner said, yer honour, as how somebody 'ad blown the gaff."

His Honour: "What does that mean?"

Constable: "Why, given 'im away, yer honour."

His Honour: "And what am I to understand by that?"

Constable: "Why, rounded on 'im, sir."

His Honour: "I am still ignorant of your meaning."

Constable (getting desperate): "Why, yer honour, he meant as how somebody 'ad peached on him—squealed, yer honour."

The clerk of the court then explained, and the case proceeded.

"This 'ere school uniform business is going too far," complained the indignant parent. "They never think where the money is coming from. They have just put 'em into new caps—and now, if you please, Mary comes home to-day and says the teacher would like to see all the class in 'blazes'."

Flappers are bearing up bravely against the heat.

In this hot weather it takes a Scotsman a long time to pass a given spot.

Our sport promoters now want to put on dog.

Hot weather has its good points. Divorce costs show that two cannot love as cheaply as one.

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The average man spends the greater part of his life looking for the ideal woman—but in the meantime he marries.

"Will the horse come back?" runs a newspaper headline. The one we backed the other day is still trying to get there.

They were travelling home on Christmas Eve, and the self-assertive man was talking to a friend, who was vainly trying to get in a word.

"Yes," shouted the self-assertive man. "I always bring my dog in the carriage with me. Then I know what he's up to. I allowed him to travel in the guard's van once, and I had to pay damages to the company for a lot of stuff he was supposed to have eaten. No more of those tricks for me!"

The train showed up, and the friend was able to make himself heard.

"Since you know what your dog's up to," he remarked, quietly, "I suppose you don't need to be told he's half finished the turkey you're taking home?"

### TEASERS.

Answer The "China Mail" Questions.

TO-DAY'S POSERS.

From day to day a series of half a dozen questions, not tremendously difficult to answer but not always so simply solved as may be thought, appear on this page. Answers are given on page nine.

1. Who was Osiris?
2. Who was James Buchanan?
3. What is a Livra?
4. What is Lamaism?
5. What is an ell?
6. In what year was the Young Men's Christian Association founded?

### BEACONS LIGHTED.

LITHUANIA PROTEST TO POLAND.

Kovno, To-day. Beacons were lighted throughout Lithuania as a sign of protest against Polish occupation of Vilna on the occasion of the national fête to commemorate the declaration of the country's independence.—Reuter.



## NOISE.

THEATRE MANAGER  
SUMMONED.

## ADVERTISING STUNTS.

Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning to defend the manager of the Lee Theatre who was summoned for organising a procession on April 25, without a permit from the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.

Mr. Hugh-Jones also produced a summons in Court against the lessees of Lee Theatre. He said that that summons was left at the theatre, but it was not served on the lessees as they had already left the theatre.

A third summons relating to the procession was against the Ting Cho Kwai firm which made the arrangements for the procession on the instruction of the lessees of Lee Theatre.

This man admitted supplying all the things carried in the procession.

Mr. R. A. D. Forrest who prosecuted in behalf of the S.C.A., told the Magistrate that action was taken by the S.C.A., as the result of complaints received from the District Watch Committee with regard to these advertising processions, which were continued in spite of notices which had been sent round notifying that these processions must stop. Mr. Forrest admitted that the summons was brought for the purpose of obtaining publicity.

For Publicity. Mr. Lindell accordingly fined the representative of the Ting Cho Kwai firm \$10, and advised him in future, before undertaking a procession to make sure that a permit had been issued.

With regard to the summons against the manager of the Lee Theatre, Mr. Hugh-Jones said that his client could hardly be held responsible, as at the time the procession was held, the theatre was leased for four days to the Tai Lo Tin Theatrical Company, who made all their arrangements with regard to the advertising and sale of tickets in connection with their performances.

Counsel submitted that the people who should have been summoned were the lessees of the theatre, who, he understood, had now gone to Canton.

Mr. Forrest stated that the name of Lee Theatre appeared beside that of the theatrical company on handbills distributed by those taking part in the procession.

Mr. Hugh-Jones argued that the name of the theatre had to appear on the handbills for the public to know where the company was appearing.

Mr. Lindell agreed with Mr. Hugh-Jones, whereupon Mr. Forrest withdrew the summons against the manager of Lee Theatre.

In dismissing the summons, Mr. Lindell said that all that the S.C.A., could do now was to wait until the Tai Lo Tin Theatrical Company come to Hong Kong again, and then take out a summons against them.

## MARINE RATES.

INCREASE IN HULL  
PREMIUMS.

London, To-day. In consequence of heavy losses in the marine insurance market in recent years the Institute of London Underwriters announce an increase in the rate on Hulls in respect of ownership and nationality by 10 per cent. operative on the renewal of existing contracts.—Reuter.

## THE 11TH HUSSARS.

FAREWELL TO THEIR  
HORSES.

Officers and troopers of the 11th Hussars (Prince Albert's Own) were in the saddle for the last time in mail week, the regiment being converted into an armoured car unit.

Three hundred of the horses are going from Aldershot to remount depots, eventually to be posted to other mounted regiments.

Several horses have already been earmarked, and Clara, which has 13 years' service in the "Cherry Pickers," is to be sent to the royal stables.

The aged war horses are to be retired and to spend the remainder of their days in comfort. None is being shot.

In a few weeks' time officers and men are to receive instruction in armoured car work at Wool, Dorset.

The regiment, originally the 11th Dragoons, was raised in Essex in 1716. It was present at the Battle of Culloden and was in the famous charge at Balacava. It was in the retreat from Mons in the Great War. It acquired the nickname of the "Cherry Pickers" from its crimson overall.

## SUICIDE.

CHINESE JUMPS OVER  
VERANDAH.

## INQUEST STORY.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. R. E. Lindell held an inquest at the Central Magistracy into the death of a Chinese patient at the Government Civil Hospital who was stated to have met his death by throwing himself from the verandah of his ward sustaining severe injuries to his head.

The deceased, according to Dr. G. H. Thomas, assistant Medical Officer at the Hospital, was operated upon for stomach trouble. When the witness saw him the following day, he was restless and breathing heavily. He was apparently delirious, but his temperature was not high. When the witness returned from dinner he received a report and going to the receiving room saw the patient lying dead in a stretcher. It was possible that in his delirious condition the patient had thrown himself from the verandah, not knowing what he was doing.

Nurse Too Late. Miss Lily Poon, an assistant nurse at the Hospital said that she was instructed to prepare a morphia injection for the patient. When she entered the ward, the man was already in the act of jumping over the verandah parapet. She rushed towards the patient but she only managed to touch his clothing before he dropped to the ground below.

After other evidence had been heard, the jury returned a verdict of death by misadventure, in that the deceased threw himself over the verandah in a fit of acute pain, without knowing what he was doing.

The jury commended the prompt and plucky act of the Chinese nurse, Lily Poon, in trying to save the deceased from falling.

## CINEMA NOTES.

"SORRELL AND SON" AT THE  
QUEEN'S.

## A ROMANCE OF ENGLAND.

"Sorrell and Son," the big screen version of Warwick Deeping's story of England after the war, comes to the Queen's Theatre to-day where it will be shown until Saturday. The picture follows closely the original story, and the opening scenes find Captain Stephen Sorrell, M.C., returning from the war to discover his pleasure loving wife in the act of running away. With his young son, to bring up, Captain Sorrell sets about getting work, but in the end he is compelled to accept the position of hotel bar porter. How he "carries on" for the sake of his son, whose future is his chief regard, makes a wonderful story. Produced by Herbert Brenon, famous as the director of "Peter Pan," "A Kiss for Cinderella" and "Beau Geste," the picture has a big cast led by such capable players as H. B. Warner, Anna Q. Nilsson, Carmel Myers, Lionel Belmore, Nils Asther and Alice Joyce. "Sorrell and Son" is a long film and performances start promptly each day at 2.30, 5.00, 7.15 and 9.30.

## FRUSTRATED.

POLICE STOP ROBBERY  
PLANS.

A strong party of detectives under the direction of Inspector Fallon succeeded on Saturday in frustrating an armed robbery which was supposed to have been planned during the past few days by a dangerous gang of desperadoes.

The police carried out an unexpected raid at No. 517, Shanghai-street, and the alleged robbers were all taken by surprise.

Four men who were in the cockpit at the time of the raid were placed under arrest. The raiders then carried out a systematic search of the place and discovered two revolvers and 12 rounds of ammunition.

All four men were charged at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon with the unlawful possession of the arms and ammunition, without a permit from the Captain Superintendent of Police. The case was heard by two Magistrates, Mr. W. Schofield being accompanied on the bench by Major C. Willson.

Evidence as to the raid was given, and it was stated that after being duly cautioned, the second defendant took entire responsibility for the presence of the weapons in the house.

This accused repeated his admission in Court, and accepting the plea, the Magistrates convicted him and passed sentence of five years' hard labour, the severe sentence being due to a police statement that the raid was carried out because they had information that an armed robbery had been planned.

## LIPSTICK.

QUESTION OF ITS  
NECESSITY.

## TYPIST'S ARGUMENT.

Berlin.—Fraulein Bibi, a typist with a face like a doll's, appeared before a Berlin labour court to claim a month's wages in lieu of notice.

Her late employer stated that he had noted mysterious red marks on the white curtains of the office. He ascertained that Fraulein Bibi had formed the evil habit of correcting the curve of her lips, when they required a new coating of lipstick, with the curtains instead of—as she might have done—with a pocket handkerchief.

The curtains were covered with greasy smears of lipstick, and clients had passed remarks about them which were most painful. His reputation and the reputation of the firm were at stake. In the circumstances he discharged the typist and refused to pay her anything but the money due to her for work done.

Fraulein Bibi acted as her own counsel. She sustained with great ability the thesis that lipstick is a necessity of life and indispensable for any girl who desires to have a successful business career.

She went with great thoroughness into the question of the price of lipsticks. She admitted there were superior lipsticks of indelible paint—so cleverly made that a fashionable curve could be given to the mouth without the help of curtains or handkerchiefs. She stated emphatically that she did not consider a typist was justified in buying these expensive lipsticks, and pointed out that a girl with her salary was forced to buy cheap lipstick.

She discussed the wage-question with the eloquence of a trade union leader, explained what she did with her money, and proved conclusively that she had nothing over for extra pocket handkerchiefs or for higher-priced lipsticks, which were unsuitable for a person of her station in life. In a peroration she pleaded that the cause she defended was not merely her own, but that of a hundred thousand other typists.

Her film-star lips parted in a brilliant smile when the court upheld her point of view and ordered her employer to hand over a tidy sum, which will doubtless brighten Fraulein Bibi's holiday.

## NEW STEPS.

WHAT THEY ARE DANCING  
NOW.

[By A Dance Professional.] A change is coming over the fashionable ballrooms. For the past year the dance scene has suggested a procession of orderly and nicely poised robots. Now a series of new jazz variations is ruffling the calm picture.

All the new movements are in the nature either of a modified and redressed black bottom or a Charleston with graftings from blues and black bottom.

The Baltimore is as good an example as any. It is a neat and taking measure, which is going to be danced a good deal this season. But perhaps only by the young and agile. The new jazz tricks are not kind to the portly and the middle-aged.

Here, in passing, is a tip for those over forty. Don't try to keep pace with new dance tricks that require a supple joint and an agile foot. Just dance fox trots and blues—in your own nicely balanced way. Don't Charleston. And avoid the tango.

The tango seems to have a fatal attraction for retired business men and portly women. This is sad. For it is a dance full of life and fiery youth. It is a matter of body carriage, not of deliberately placed feet.

There is a rumour that one or two new dances composed of a set series of steps are going to be popular. Ignore the rumour. While ballrooms remain crowded no set dance will come in. It cannot, there is no room for it. Any one who tries resolutely to follow out the sequence of a set dance will have his toes trodden off in any fashionable ballroom.

Bands are helping the new liveliness of which I speak by playing a greater variety of dance music. Also by playing more pieces in varied time. They will, for instance, take a blues piece, play it to orthodox slow blues time, and suddenly throw in a "hot break"—a few bars in double-double time.

On the whole, though jazz music—blues, fox trot, Charleston, Baltimore, black bottom, and their several variations—is more rhythmic and melodious. In a word, it is better—at once easier to dance to and more attractive to listen to.—Daily Mail.

His Majesty the King's Birthday Parade will take place this year on June 4, at Happy Valley. It is expected that the hour of parade will be 2 a.m.

## NEW DIRECTOR.

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Mr. J. Y. Chang has been recently appointed Director of the Wuchow Electric Works, Wuchow, Kwangsi, succeeding Mr. H. H. Ling, who now pays sole attention to his post as Commissioner of the Wuchow Public Works Department.

Mr. Chang graduated from Nanyang College, Shanghai, in 1922, in the electrical engineering course, with the degree of B.Sc., and has been since connected with Shanghai engineering firms in responsible positions, such as the British Electrical and Engineering Co., Ltd., the Jardine Engineering Corp., Ltd., Sinton Overseas Trading Co., Ltd.

In view of the extension of the present power plant at Wuchow, which consists of Diesel engine units totalling 840 H.P., Mr. Chang will appreciate information from local engineering houses.

## THE GUILLOTINE.

FRENCH BARRISTER'S  
IMPRESSIONS.

[By Maître Sasla Erlich.]

I do not desire, as the deeply affected witness of a double execution, to examine the question of the death penalty from a sentimental point of view, which would be as painful as it would be in vain, but simply to consider the effects of a much-discussed penalty at a moment when it is attracting universal attention.

What are the arguments of those who favour the death penalty? At times they invoke society's need to rid itself of its dangerous members by the least onerous means. At others they talk of the intimidating effect which the fear of the death penalty should have upon budding criminals. Sometimes, as charitable as Torquemada, they seek the redemption of the guilty through suffering—they demand that they shall pay their debt to society by execution.

These are three different roads which converge towards the destruction of human life and which will ever shock all those who respect it. Society has the right to defend itself, but it should do so in the most rational and useful way, pursuing the dual objective of getting rid of the criminals and yet not wasting useful human material. The surgeon and the dentist are only called in when there is no other cure. There is only one class of criminals of whom it can be said that they are beyond reform, because reform is a matter of will-power, and that they are useless to society, because they are incapable of any form of work, and these are the criminals classed as "irresponsible"—that is to say, the madmen.

But it is precisely these unfortunate people whom we cannot sentence to death on moral and sentimental grounds. Logically, therefore, it follows that society looks after, feeds, and preserves only those criminals who are absolutely useless, and by a strange process of selection destroys the others.

Devil's Island. Statistics are the chief arguments used against transportation to Devil's Island and similar places. Great points are made of the cost, the failure to obtain any result, the horrible and final corruption of the convicts by associating with one another, and the frightful death-roll under tropical skies. It may well be that it is really defective administration which is responsible for what is depicted as a sort of fatality. Britain has no reason to regret that she did not put to death the convicts who were sent to Botany Bay.

As for the intimidating effect of the death penalty, this argument is destroyed by every serious observation. Fear of the death penalty never stays the hand of the so-called "passionate" criminal, an impulsive being animated by a desire for vengeance, by jealousy, or by sadistic abnormality, because he is incapable of reasoning at the very moment when he ought to weigh the consequences of his actions.

Risks of the Trade. As for the professional criminal, he regards the death penalty as one of the risks of the trade and fears it neither more nor less than any other consequence of his crime. Besides, to mount the scaffold is for him a sort of supreme heroism and a means of passing down in history. There have always been more murderers than scaffolds, and horrors of the tortures of days gone by never prevented crime.

On the other hand, the spectacle of an execution arouses all evil instincts and sets the wrong kind of example. Death is too brief a suffering, and years of hard labour would better secure the end which society seeks.

## Shadows Before

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED  
IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "Sorrell and Son."  
To-day—Star Theatre: "The Lighthouse by the Sea."  
To-day—World Theatre: "Foot-loose Widows."

## Sports.

May 26-28—Fifth Extra Race Meetings of the H.K. Jockey Club, Happy Valley.

## Lammerts' Auction.

May 17—At 6, Knutsford-terrace, household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

## Meetings.

May 17—Forty-seventh ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., offices, noon.

May 18—Extraordinary general meeting of China Sugar Refinery Co., Ltd., at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

May 25—Fifty-fifth annual meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., Union-bldg., 11 a.m.

May 26—Fifty-ninth annual meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Union-bldg., 11.15 a.m.

May 25—Sixty-second annual meeting of British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., Union-bldg., 11.20 a.m.

May 29—Half yearly meeting of H.K. Jockey Club, H.K. Club annex, 5.15 p.m.

## Miscellaneous.

May 24—Official opening by H.E. The Officer Administering the Govt. of Cheer 'O new premises in City Hall, 6 p.m.

## OLD IRISH.

FIRST COMPLETE  
DICTIONARY.

The first complete dictionary of Old Irish is about to be published in Germany after 14 years of research and study of Gaelic by American and German scholars. The work is the product of nearly every nationality except the Irish. Prof. Rudolf Thurneysen, a leading authority on philology and the derivation of words, has been directing the project, which has been suspended during the World War. Prof. Fred. N. Robinson of Harvard, and a leading authority on philology in the United States, has been collaborating with the German scholar in directing the American contributors.

## Read Millions of Pages.

A group of 25 scholars in Gaelic, 15 of whom are Americans and 10 Germans, are reading through literally millions of pages of Old Irish literature for the purpose of producing a dictionary containing a complete vocabulary of the old tongue, unaccompanied by any hope of financial remuneration.

The project commenced originally before the World War with Dr. H. Hessen, a German scholar, who had gathered a large collection of words in Gaelic. His materials served as the nucleus around which Professors Thurneysen, of Bonn University, Germany, and Professor Robinson, of Harvard, have worked. A small subsidy has paid the clerical expenses of the project, and it is expected that the printing will be financed either by the German Government or one of the German publishing societies.

Less than 10 per cent. of the Irish people in Ireland to-day use the Gaelic language in preference to English, according to Professor Robinson, but a significant move has begun to revive the language, which was once very rich in its literature. He estimates that nearly 1,000,000 persons in Ireland can speak Gaelic.

## Sees Difficulty in Revival.

It is quite possible, Dr. Robinson says, to take a dialect which is on the decline and used by the less intelligent classes, and revive it, as has been done in Finland, Belgium, and the Balkan countries, and it is not improbable that Old Irish may come back as the common language of Ireland. But, he points out, there may be more difficulty in reviving Gaelic in Ireland than there was to revive old languages in other countries, because Ireland is entirely surrounded by English-speaking people and does a preponderance of its business with them.

Irish emigrants to America drop their native tongue readily and adopt the English, he says, and it becomes quite essential that their relatives back home in Ireland should learn English.

The purpose of the new dictionary is primarily to provide scholars with an adequate means of understanding Gaelic literature and Old Irish customs. The 25 scholars have found that the language is more closely related to Latin than to any other, and that it is as far removed from English as English is from Latin.

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

\$25,000 towards the £12,000 needed to enlarge Bishop's Stortford Hospital has been given by Mr. C. W. Randall.

The City church of St. Mary-at-Hill has received a Communion set from a woman visitor who declined to give her name.

A 21-seater liner of the Imperial Airways, with a full load of holiday-makers, made the flight from Paris to London in 100 minutes.

The stand in the 5s. enclosure at Harringay Greyhound Races caught fire recently but the flames were quickly put out by extinguishers.

The second child to be baptised in H.M.S. "Hood" was Pauline Dorothy Green, daughter of Mr. Arthur C. Green, the bandmaster.

Dame Margaret Lloyd George was re-elected, at Llandrindod Wells, president of the Welsh Women's National Liberal Federation.

Lord Cottesloe, Lord-Lieutenant of Bucks, attended the banquet at High Wycombe given by the new Mayor to celebrate the extension of the borough.

An association for the study of international law has been founded in Belgrade under the presidency of Professor Mileta Novakovich, of Belgrade University.

At a meeting of the Surrey Playing Fields Association it was reported that about one fifth of the school children in Surrey had no playing fields at all available for organised games.

Burglars who broke into the post office in Southampton-street, Strand, failed to open the safe and got nothing of value; but more than £250 was taken from a safe at the Empire Picture Palace at Camberwell, S.E., by burglars not long afterwards.

The first two submarines of the Yugoslav Fleet, built by Armstrongs, have arrived at the port of Kotor. They were escorted by a squadron of sailplanes, and saluted by the crews of all the ships in the harbour. They carry two four-inch anti-aircraft guns and six 21-inch torpedo tubes.

Richmond Town Council have appointed Mr. Edwin M. Neave as Town Clerk to succeed Mr. Henry Saga on his retirement in October. Mr. Neave, who has been deputy Town Clerk at Hammersmith since August, 1926, is 33 years of age. The commencing salary is £900 per annum, rising to £1,200.

A yacht boy was yesterday charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Nautical Magistrate's court with the larceny of £23, the property of 2nd Lieut. J. A. Burns of the Scots Guards. The theft was alleged to have occurred on board the yacht "Gael" at Lamma Island on Sunday last. The accused was remanded until Friday afternoon.

Hong Kong estate valued at \$1,300 was left by Mr. A. W. Macdonochie, late of 8 Porchester-gate, Hyde Park, London, who died on Feb. 3, 1926, at 29 Wimpole-street, London. Net personalty in England, as far as is present ascertained, amounts to £107,985-9-4d. Re-sealing of probate with seven codicils has been granted to Mr. M. H. Turner of Messrs. Deacons.

An arrest made in Canton last Friday, recalled the sensational piracy in October last year on board the steam launch "Woo Fat Shing" which was attacked in Hong Kong harbour, beached at North Point, and a cargo of gold ingots worth \$50,000 carried away. Local Chinese detectives travelled to Canton following the receipt of information from the Chinese police, and with the assistance of the Public Safety Bureau, the alleged pirate was arrested in Namoh. He was brought back to Hong Kong, and is now in police custody awaiting identification.

Estate in this Colony to the value of \$11,400 was left by Mr. N. E. Stanley Gardner, planter, late of Batang, Berjuntai, state of Selangor, F.M.S., who died at Guys Hospital, London, on Nov. 16, 1927. Re-sealing of probate has been granted to Mr. M. H. Turner of Messrs. Deacons, who is the attorney of Mr. C. W. S. Gardner (a brother), planter, of Kuala, Selangor, and Mr. J. W. Winter (brother-in-law), Huntingdon, England, the executors and trustees. Everything is bequeathed to the trustees for administration. The will directs that the widow, Mrs. M. L. Gardner, shall receive an income for the rest of her life provided she does not marry again. The will makes bequests to children and also to the late Mr. Gardner's mother, Mrs. E. S. Gardner, Hemdon, Hampshire, England.

H. M. destroyer "Vimy" is being refitted at Sheerness.

A £25 cheque was in the Easter offertory at St. Leonard's Church, Hythe, Essex.

Sir Henry Bowles was elected churchwarden of Enfield for the twentieth successive year.

"Steadfast," the old training brig at Kingston, has been dismantled, and is to be sent to the shipbreakers.

A squadron of the British Mediterranean Fleet, comprising the battleships "Warspite" and "Ramilius," and nine destroyers, stayed a week off the roads of the Golfo Juan, Nice. The squadron is expected to stay a week.



Mary Lewis, famed soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

At the Kowloon Magistrate's court yesterday, an elderly Chinese was charged before Mr. W. Schofield with attempting to defraud a woman of twenty cents by representing that he was authorised to collect money in behalf of the Han Man Temple of Kowloon. A book found on the accused contained the names of several other donors. A fine of \$50 was imposed, with the alternative of three weeks' hard labour.



Baron von Huenfeld, left, and Capt. Hermann Koehl, photographed on their arrival at Baldonnel Airfield in England from the Templeuter field at Berlin on the first lap of the transatlantic flight to the United States. The men are flying a Junker single motorised plane and are the same two, who last year in the company of Captain Lipp, attempted a transatlantic flight, but were forced back off the coast of Ireland following a heavy storm. When the aviators left Berlin, they stated they would make every attempt to span the ocean. Baron von Huenfeld, a Prussian nobleman, entered the plane wearing his monocle. The plane will carry enough fuel for a 50 hour flight but will not be equipped with any radio or life saving devices.



The Rev. Charles John Godfrey Saunders, Indian Ecclesiastical Establishment has been appointed to the Bishopric of Lucknow, vacant by the death of Dr. Westcott.

When the retiring Japanese Ambassador, Baron Matsui, and Baroness Matsui left London for Japan, they were presented by Mr. W. W. Grantham, K.C., with a Sussex horseshoe decorated with primroses.

The death is announced of Mrs. O. M. Tapp, of Abbey Farm, Stratton-on-the-Avonne, Somerset, who had won many championships, including that of Holland, for cheese-making, and had supplied cheese to Buckingham Palace for 15 years.

Owing to the great number of letters which disappear in transit the Post Office Direction at Cologne has issued another warning and appeal to the public not to enclose paper money or other valuables in ordinary letters, but to use either registered post or the special mission of money.

Some 1,400 pilgrims from New England have been at Quebec on a visit to the shrine of St. Jeanne de Beaurpe.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kirke White, of Lincoln, have been congratulated by the King and Queen on their diamond wedding.

Among the congratulatory messages received by Mr. Fred Hall, M.P., on his golden wedding, was one from Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

Mr. John Edward Taylor, of Hillside, Green Street Green, near Farnborough, said to be the oldest man in Kent, celebrated his 104th birthday by working in the garden.

The Queen's Rangers, the oldest Canadian militia unit, has become allied to the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, the second regiment in seniority in the British Infantry.

Authorisation has been given to a private company to put a service of taxi-motor-boats on the Danube. A start will be made on May 1 with twenty boats, each capable of carrying twenty passengers.

The American Consul-General at Calcutta confirms the report of the arrival at Leh of Mr. V. G. Plymire, the American missionary who some time ago was reported to have been murdered by Tribesmen.

The fifth international conference on refrigeration and cold storage was inaugurated in Rome by the Minister of National Economy, Signor Belluzzo. Over 500 delegates were present, representing all the principal States.

Numbers of pilgrims, many from Glasgow, Manchester, and Bolton, visited the shrine at Carlin-grotto, near Motherwell, Lanarkshire, known as the "Scottish Lourdes" because of the miraculous cures said to have taken place there.

Probate in the estate of Li Fong, a married woman of No. 28, Western-street, Hong Kong, who died at the French Convent Hospital on March 21, 1928, has been granted to her husband, Wong Hop-wa, a stoker, who is appointed executor. The estate, valued at \$6,000, goes to a son of deceased.

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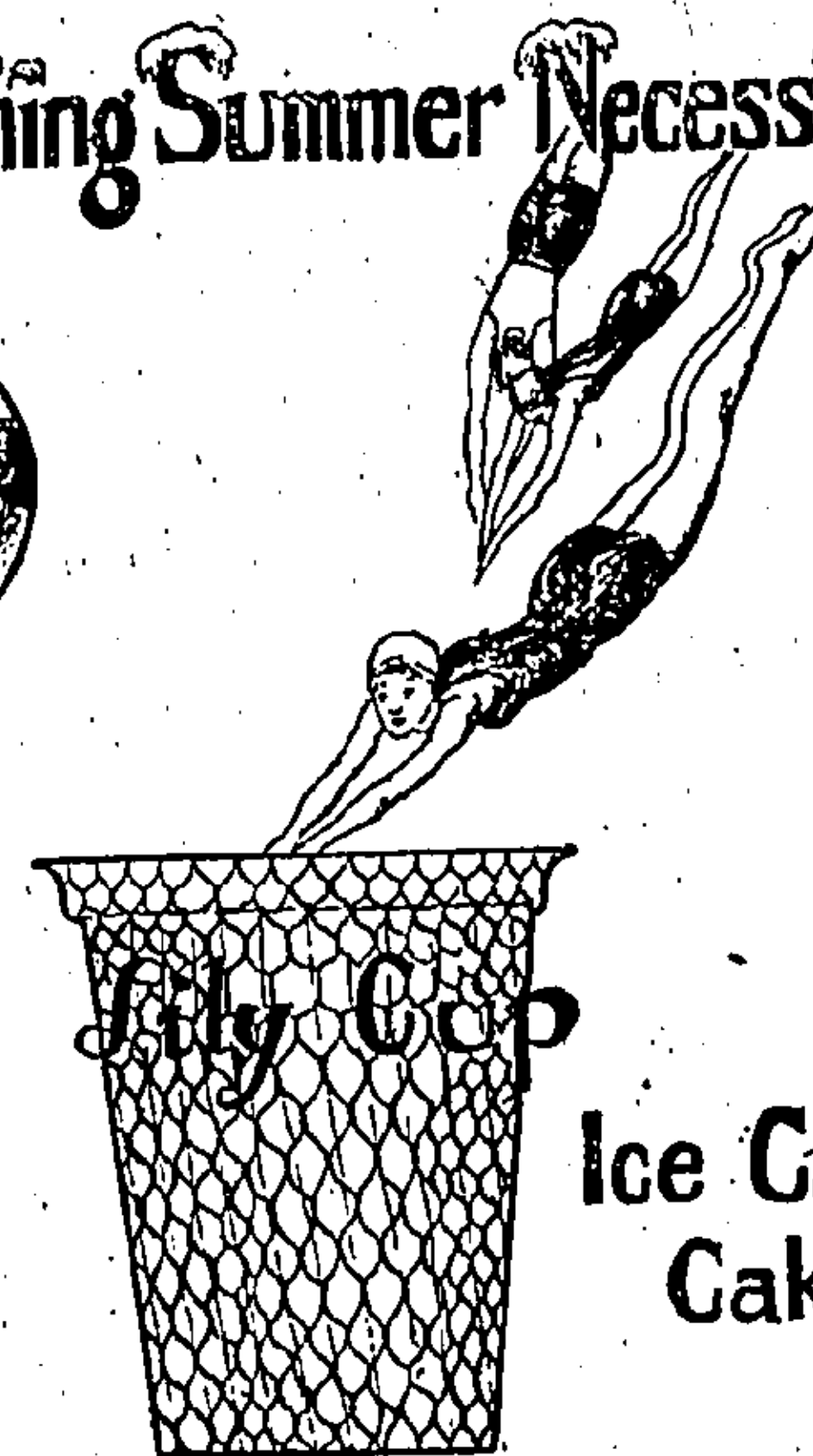
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# Sport Columns

## BASKET BALL.

### INTER-SCHOOL PRIZES PRESENTED.

The successful Inter-School Basketball Competition was brought to a close yesterday when Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, presented the trophies to St. Paul's College, winners of the Senior Division, and to Ying Wah College, the Junior Division champions.

The ceremony took place on the Basketball ground of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., at Bridges-street, in the presence of a large gathering of interested spectators.

In a brief address at the opening of the ceremony, Mr. E. G. Stewart, President of the Hong Kong Basketball Association, congratulated the winners of both divisions, and said that particular praise was due to Ying Wah College, who besides winning the Junior Division, secured runners-up's position in the Seniors.

The speaker expressed appreciation of the services rendered by officials of the association. Names mentioned by Mr. Stewart were Mr. Ko Sik-kwai, Secretary of the Basketball League, Mr. Leung Sui-sang, Secretary of the Schools Section, and Mr. Richard Shim of St. Paul's College. The Chinese Y.M.C.A. officials were also mentioned for starting the League and helping it along to a successful conclusion.

Mr. Wood's Congratulations.

Mr. Wood also congratulated the winner, and said that it was very creditable that all the 18 teams in the competition had carried out their entire programme of games without missing a single one. He commented on the combination of energy, accuracy and teamwork in the game of basketball, and in conclusion associated himself with Mr. Stewart's expression of appreciation of the services rendered by the officials, and included Mr. Stewart's name amongst those "mentioned."

An interesting exhibition game was played between St. Paul's College, Senior Division winners and the Rest, the champions winning by 26-17.

## GOLF IN GLASSES.

### IMPORTANCE OF VISION ON THE LINKS.

In the case of a golfer with defective eyesight, it is wise for him to accustom himself to wearing glasses when pursuing the game.

They are certainly a handicap rather than a help in some circumstances (says Harry Vardon), as, for instance, in rain, which splutters and settles on the lenses, and blurs the vision so that the sure sighting of the ball in addressing it becomes virtually impossible.

In wind, also, glasses are apt to be troublesome, for the reason that a strong gust will treat them like the sails of a ship and disturb them considerably, or even whisk them off. There is a safeguard, however, against this contingency. A year or so ago, I had a pair of spectacles made, convex shape, so that the rims fitted to the flesh round the eyes, thus preventing the wind from getting in behind the glasses and blowing them about.

Tolerably Serviceable.

If my vision is not quite what it used to be, it remains tolerably serviceable, which explains why I have only periodically tried the expedient of wearing spectacles for golf. Some of the experiments, however, have been very satisfactory.

One such occasion was when, about twelve months ago, I went round my home course at Totteridge in 66 strokes. The best part of it was that the glasses seemed to make putting easy, for I took no more than 12 putts in the first nine holes and 20 putts in the whole round.

A Great Asset.

To anybody with decidedly impaired eyesight, I should say that suitable spectacles are essential to the development of the best golf that is in him, bothersome as they are under some conditions. They do, at any rate, bring the two eyes into united focus. And it is a fair deduction that perfect vision is just about the most valuable asset that a person can possess for this game.

Support for the contention is to be found in the fact that never has there been a bespectacled champion. On the other hand, nearly all the best players have possessed good eyesight. It is a by-word in American courses that if doubt exists as to the identity of anybody in the far distance, the man to fetch to settle the question, is Bobby Jones. He is, indeed, always called upon for this purpose when near at hand.

Not Prejudice.

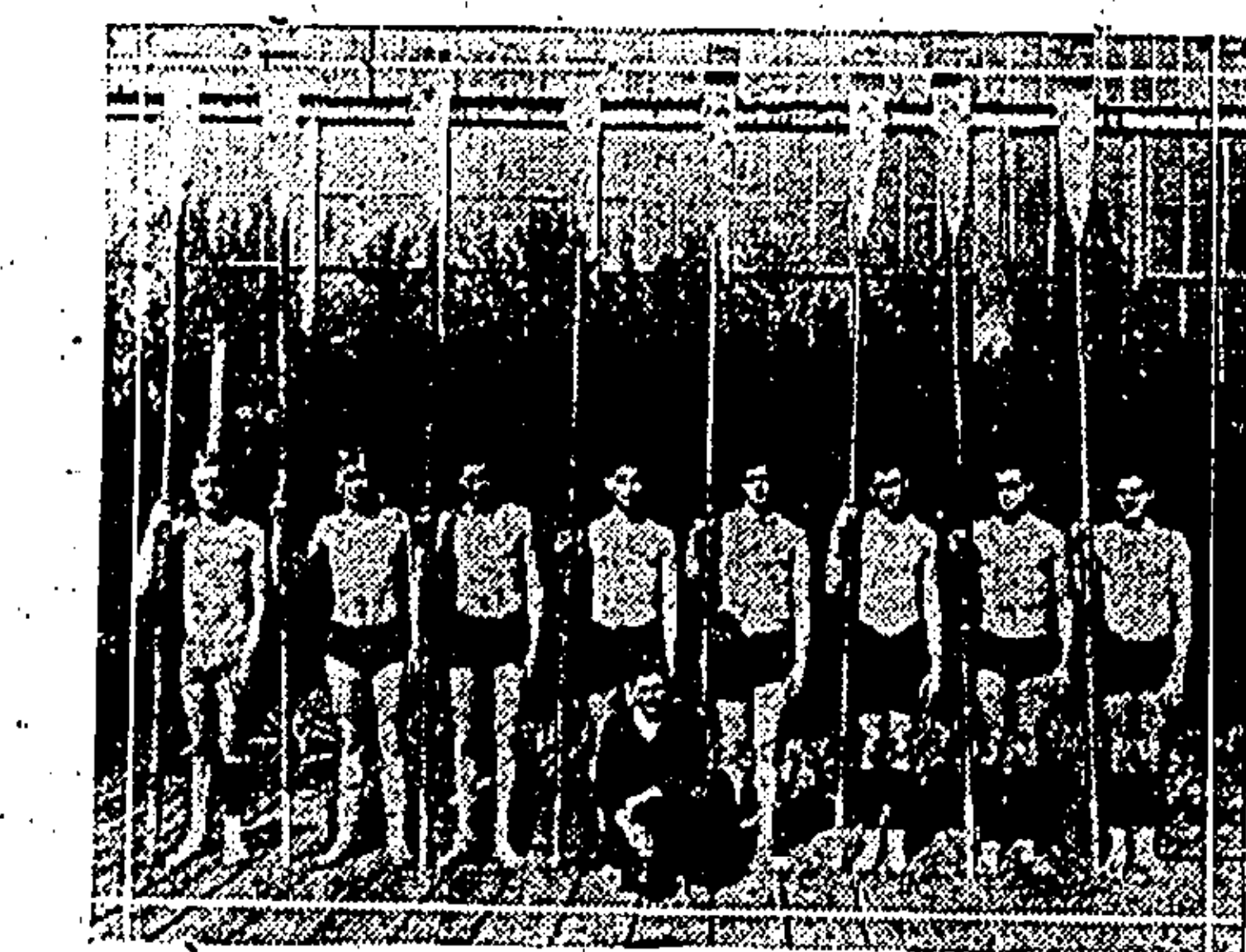
I can recollect only one present-day player of the front rank who

wears glasses. He is J. B. Beck. It is not prejudice pure and simple that prevents a good many people from following his lead. Rather it is a consciousness that the rims of the glasses obtrude on the vision and distract the eye from the ball during a full swing of the club. Presumably the remedy for that condition is larger and better fitting lenses.

There can be no doubt, however, that in a rain-storm glasses become so blurred as to constitute a serious handicap instead of helping to remedy a defect.

Defect in a Rainstorm?

In the 36-holes final of the English women's championship at Woodhall Spa, Miss Elsie Corbett



Berkeley, Cal.—Magnificent specimens of manhood on the University of California crew. The Varsity outfit has been training steadily and is ready for the intercollegiate races. California took third at Poughkeepsie last year.

was holding her own against Miss Molly Gourlay until, late in the afternoon, rain began to fall heavily. From that time Miss Corbett's vision was so obscured by the spectacles that she wore that she lost every hole. Once the golfer has made it a habit to use glasses, the sudden discarding of them is just as disconcerting as the wearing of them in wet weather, so that I fear that the most popular choice is to do without them altogether on the links, even though they might be a help on most occasions.

There are players, even very good players, who seek to combat imperfect sight by focusing the ball with one eye—the better eye only. Among them is Aubrey Boomer, who may surely claim to have made a success of the expedient seeing that he has won several first-class tournaments. He discovered during his course of rifle-shooting for war service that his left eye gave the better results, and, on resuming golf, he drilled himself to look at the ball with that eye alone.

Humanity's Privilege.

There have been golfers far less proficient in their general effects than Boomer who could justly claim to have demonstrated the value of one-eyed putting. There was the captain of a London club; like most captains, a social lion and a golfing lamb, with a handicap of around 18. At least, he was a lamb on the links until he reached the putting-green. Then he closed one eye, and holed out from ranges long and short with a constancy that never failed to alarm his rivals.

E. W. B. Scrutton, a former Cambridge University captain, once gave an admirable and almost historic exposition of the theory by holding every putt under three yards in a team match at a time when he had to play with one eye bandaged.

I understand, however, that Sir Richard Cruick, the celebrated oculist, and himself a keen golfer, is not at all impressed by the possibilities of single-eyed putting. He explains that man is the only animal that has the privilege of stereoscopic vision, by which the two eyes blend into the united sighting of one object, and that he is designed by Nature to take advantage of it.

Apropos of Spectacles.

To do so, presumably he needs in many instances the aid of glasses. Apropos of spectacles, I saw it stated some time ago that when James Braid won the Open Championship at Muirfield in 1906, he wore a pair of smoked glasses. This is surely an error.

It was at Hoylake in the following year's championship that Braid appeared, as a temporary measure against unexpected trouble with his sight, in smoked glasses. They have long since disappeared.

## WOMEN'S GOLF.

### MISS COLLETT BEATS EX-CHAMPION.

Hunstanton, Yesterday.

In the third round of the Ladies open golf test, Miss Collett beat Mrs. Temple Dobell, of Bromborough, the British champion in 1912, 3-2.—Router.

## BOWLERS NEEDED.

### MEN FOR HEART-BREAKING WICKETS.

#### DOWN IN AUSTRALIA.

The M.C.C. have before them during the coming summer the anxious task of selecting a team to go out to Australia in the autumn. Much in the choice of players will, of course, depend upon the form displayed during the first three months of the season of 1928.

Meanwhile, it may be assumed that some six or seven, but scarcely more, of the men who went to South Africa will be strong candidates for inclusion in the side, while, among others whose names readily come to mind in connection with so formidable an undertaking as a tour in Australia, are those of Hobbs, Tate, Hallows, V. W. C.

A Veteran Player.

W. T. Douglas, one of stalwarts of Heriot's Rugby previous to the war, was well known as a player to an older generation of Heriot boys. "Duggie" played for many years, but now-a-days his only appearance is in the annual match between the staff and the school fifteen. Not that he is a spent force by any means. His energetic refereeing gives the lie to that suggestion.

C. S. Broadwood is another name to conjure with in Heriot club circles. It is not so long since he played in the first fifteen. He is now in charge of the Rugby at the school, and, like W. T. Douglas, is taking an active interest in refereeing.

A Nimble, who holds the position of mechanical assistant, played forward for Bruntsfield for several seasons, but two years ago he decided to give up the game.

It would not be right to omit the name of G. A. Scott, who organized the School Rugby in the years after the war until last season. It was in that time that the successful Heriot side was built up, and it must be gratifying to him to see so many of his old boys taking a prominent part in Scottish Rugby.

#### Cricket Devotees.

Cricket has three devotees amongst the staff. They are J. H. Melville, W. T. Brow, and A. T. Groves. For many years Melville figured in the Heriot's side, and, although he never received representative honours, was one of the best of club men. Last season he was president of the former pupils' cricket club. Groves is a brother of the Heriot cricket internationalist, and plays in the F.P. eleven. He was secretary of the club last year. Brow was formerly connected with the Leith Albion, for whom he had some success with his bowling, but last year he became a member of the Heriot club and played with the A team.

Tennis has many advocates at the school, and both the grass and the hard courts are fully occupied during the summer. The Royal and Ancient game has likewise so many followers that it would be impossible to enumerate them. James Melville is president of the school golf club, and captains the masters in the annual match with the boys.

#### A University Champion.

Athletics are not neglected, and the school are fortunate in having such an enthusiast as George Hamilton to handle the administration in that department of sport. For many years he has been a most efficient games secretary. In the

## JUNIOR CARLTON.

### THE PROPOSAL TO ADMIT WOMAN.

#### "QUIETLY DROPPED."

The "Evening Standard" learns that the proposal to allow women to join the Junior Carlton Club—one of the best known political clubs—as associate members has been dropped without being submitted to a general meeting of members.

This is a surprise, since the more ardent spirits among the members were eager for the innovation, and it was whispered that Lord Derby, the chairman of the club, viewed the suggestion with benevolence.

Growing Importance.

This does not mean, however, that the Junior Carlton Club is unmindful of the growing importance of women in the political world. Quite the contrary; plans are under consideration for the Ladies' Annex, which will be in the houses on the eastern side of the club purchased some time back.

Before the end of the present year it may be that the wives and friends of members of the club will find themselves dining or lunching in the new premises as guests of club members.

#### "Dancing."

Meantime the club has not forgotten the pleasure of the women who are invited to the reception in honour of the Prime Minister. The invitation bears the word "Dancing" in the left-hand corner, thus differentiating the affair from the usual political "crush."

active world, a man of many clubs, P. B. S. Ireland, carries on the flag. He won the three miles championship at the University sports last year, and also achieved some success in mile handicaps. He runs cross country for Edinburgh University Hare and Hounds Club.

This article would not be complete without some mention being made of J. D. Dalby and G. Levor. In their hands lie the physical training and swimming instruction at the school, and the high standard of fitness at Heriot's is in considerable measure due to their efforts. The school boxing club know what a capable instructor they have in Dalby.

Yes, the Heriot staff are strong in a sporting connection. The advantages offered to the boys in training facilities and correct tuition are better to-day than ever before.

## TEASERS.

### Answers to To-day's Questions.

1. The son of Jupiter and Niobe, and the chief divinity of the ancient Egyptians.
2. President of the United States in 1867.
3. An old French coin, the equivalent of the present franc. Not current since the 17th century.
4. Lamaism is the form of Buddhism prevalent in Tibet, with a very exclusive sacerdotal organisation, of which the Grand Lama is the head.
5. An old English cloth measure, representing a length of 45 inches.
6. In 1844.

## BILLIARDS.

### CHINESE "Y" DEFEATS CATHOLIC U.C.

The friendly billiards match between the Catholic Union Club and the Chinese Y.M.C.A., played at the Y.M.C.A. building on the 12th inst. results in a win for the "Y" team. There was a very keen contest and the highest break (32) was made by E. Nuttall.

#### Scores:—Chinese Y.M.C.A.

	Pts.
K. C. Leung	150
W. L. Wong	150
T. C. Cheak	129
S. K. Sinn	129
K. S. Mah	110
P. S. Piew	110
Total	839

#### Catholic Union Club.

	Pts.
J. Remedios	53
E. Vas	98
E. Nuttall	150
P. Castilho	133
M. Baptista	150
E. Remedios	137
Total	721

Mr. James A. L. Duncan, son of Mr. Alexander L. Duncan, of Meigle, Perthshire, for 3 years a member of the L.C.C., has been selected as prospective Conservative candidate at the next general election, for Caithness and Sutherland, for which Sir A. Sinclair (Lib.) is the sitting member.

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Bank, 4 months' sight	2/1
Credits, 4 months' sight	2/1 3/4
Documentary 4 months' sight	2/4 1/2
On Paris—	
On demand	128 3/4
Credits, 4 months' sight	136 3/4
On Berlin—	
On demand	—
On New York—	—
On demand	50 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight	52 1/2
On Bombay—	
Wire	137 1/2
On demand	137 1/2
On Calcutta—	
Wire	137 1/2
On demand	137 1/2
On Singapore—	
On demand	89 1/4
On Manila—	
On demand	101 1/4
On Shanghai—	
On demand	77
30 day's sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama—	
On demand	107 1/4
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per taal)	—
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	9.35
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100 Silver in Hong Kong	—
Kong	3% Prem
Chinese Copper Cash nom.	—
Chinese Copper Cents 6% prem	—
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Chinese Sub. Coin	31 1/4% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.	—

### THE SHARE MARKET.

Stock	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.
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T.T. on Shanghai	77 1/2
Banks	—
Hongkong Bank	122 3/4 b
do. Lon. Reg.	113 3/4 n
Chartered Bank	121 1/4 b
Mercantile A. & C.	113 1/4 n
do.	113 1/4 b
P. & O. Bank	117 1/2 n
Bank of East Asia	117 1/2 n
Insurance	—
Canton Insurance	117 1/2 n
Union Insurance	117 1/2 n
North China Insurance	117 1/2 n
Yangtze Insurance	117 1/2 n
China Underwriters	117 1/2 n
China Fire Insurance	117 1/2 n
H.K. Fire Insurance	117 1/2 n
Shipping	—
Douglas	117 1/2 n
H.K. Steamboats	117 1/2 n
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	117 1/2 n
Indo-China (Pref.)	117 1/2 n
do. (Def.)	117 1/2 n
Shell Transport	117 1/2 n
Water-works	117 1/2 n
Mining	—
Benguet	117 1/2 n
Kailan Mining Ad.	117 1/2 n
Langkat (Combined)	117 1/2 n
do. (Single)	117 1/2 n
Shanghai Explosives	117 1/2 n
Shanghai Loans	117 1/2 n
Rauba	117 1/2 n
Tromoh Mines	117 1/2 n
Docks, Wharves	—
Godown, R.	117 1/2 n
H.K. & K. Wharves	117 1/2 n
H.R. & W. Docks	117 1/2 n
China Providents	117 1/2 n
Hongkew	117 1/2 n
New Engineering	117 1/2 n
Shanghai Docks	117 1/2 n
Cotton Mills	—
Ewo Cottons	117 1/2 n
Oriental Cottons	117 1/2 n
Shai Cottons (Old)	117 1/2 n
do. (New)	117 1/2 n
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.	—
H.K. & S. Hotels	117 1/2 n
Hongkong Lands	117 1/2 n
Shanghai Lands	117 1/2 n
Humphreys Estates	117 1/2 n
Hongkong Realities	117 1/2 n
H.K. Territorial	117 1/2 n
Principles Buildings	—
Public Utilities	—
H.K. Tramways	117 1/2 n
Peak Tram (old)	117 1/2 n
do. (new)	117 1/2 n
Star Ferries	117 1/2 n
China Lights (comb.)	117 1/2 n
do. (old)	117 1/2 n
do. (new)	117 1/2 n
do. 1928 issue	117 1/2 n
H.K. Electric	117 1/2 n
Macao Electric	117 1/2 n
H.K. Telephone	117 1/2 n
China Bus	117 1/2 n
Singapore Tracton	117 1/2 n
Industrial	—
China Sugars	117 1/2 n
Ma-abon Sugars	117 1/2 n
Canton Ice	117 1/2 n
Cement (comb.)	117 1/2 n
do. (old)	117 1/2 n
do. (new)	117 1/2 n
H.K. Ropes (old)	117 1/2 n
do. (new)	117 1/2 n
United Asbestos	117 1/2 n
Stores, &c.	—
Dairy Farms	117 1/2 n
Watsons	117 1/2 n
Der A. Wings	117 1/2 n
lane, Crawford	117 1/2 n
Jackintosh	117 1/2 n
Sincere	117 1/2 n
Wm. Fowells	117 1/2 n
Miscellaneous	—
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### AFGHANISTAN.

#### COUNTRY OF VIVID CONTRASTS.

#### STERN, SAVAGE REALISM.

The visit of the Amir of Afghanistan to this country affords to teachers of geography an unrivalled opportunity for stirring interests in that little-known country. Recent descriptions, in the Press, of the Amir and his suite will have attracted the attention of keen boys and girls, particularly of those who have read about Lord Roberts' march to Kandahar or Elzard Pottinger's heroic defence of Herat. And above all, what boy has not had his imagination touched by the succession of names in the beginning of "Sohrab and Rustum"?

"The Tartars of the Oxus, the King's guard. First, with black sheep-skin caps and with long spears; Large men, large steeds; who from Bokhara come And Khiva, and ferment the milk of mares. Next, the more temperate Toorkmuns of the south, The Tukas, and the lances of Salore, And those from Attruck and the Caspian sands; Light men, and on light steeds, who only drink The acrid milk of camels, and their wells. And then a swarm of wandering horse, who came From far, and a more doubtful service owned The Tartars of Ferghana, from the banks Of the Jaxartes, men with scanty beards And close-set skull-caps; and those wilder hordes Who roam over Kipchak and the northern waste, Kalmuks, and unkempt Kuzaks, tribes who stray Nearest the Police, and wandering Kirghizes, Who come on shaggy ponies from Pamir."

Afghanistan is not a country of romance, but one of stern, even savage, realism. Hemmed in to the north by Bokhara and Russian Turkistan, to the south by Baluchistan, to the east by the North West Frontier Provinces of India, and to the west by Khurasan, it contains within its area (as large as that of Germany, Belgium, Holland, and Denmark) every possible variety of topographical feature from waterless plain to great mountain. The north-east shoulders up the Roof of the World with peaks of 25,000 feet and more. The principal mountain range of Afghanistan is the Hindu Kush, which, starting in the North-east from the Pamirs, runs south-west and becomes the Koh-i-Baba just west of Kabul (accent on the first syllable), and finally branches into the three ranges, Band-i-Turkistan, Band-i-Baba, and Band-i-Baian. The Hari Rud river marks the western limit of the whole Hindu Kush system. South of the Hindu Kush and west of Chitral lies Kafiristan, a tumbled mass of mighty mountains, most of them capped with everlasting snow.

The six principal rivers are the Oxus, Hari Rud, Farah Rud, Helmand, and the Kabul. Like the mountains these rivers are infinitely varied in character. Most of them, even the navigable Oxus, can be forded at points, this depending, of course, on the time of the year. The Oxus, for example, which flows along the northern frontier of Afghanistan, averages at places 800 yards wide and 30 feet deep in summer, when snow is melting. Between Khush and Chakansur, except in flood time, the Khush Rud is dry, and water can only be obtained by digging in the river bed. Below its junction with the Panishir and Laghman rivers (near Jalalabad) the Kabul is nearly a mile broad. The rivers are but poorly bridged, but the Afghans are expert at crossing rivers with masaks (inflated skins). They join twelve skins to make a raft capable of floating fourteen men, or five mules. For the most part are only practicable during the cold weather, when the river

is low; but as the position of fords changes from year to year, fording is extremely dangerous without the assistance of a local guide.

Towards the south-west of Kandahar lies the Registan, a desolate stretch of sandhills which are almost impassable owing to the lack of water. In such desert tracts there are great extremes of heat and cold. During winter blizzards frequently carry off men and mules. From May to September a scorching wind blows with unabated violence at a speed of between thirty and seventy miles an hour. In many parts sand-laden winds made life almost unendurable for a European. It is impossible to eat without swallowing sand, one's eyes and mouth are practically sealed up during the night, while tarantulae and other abominations creep into sleeping bags and make night yet more horrible.

#### Bitter Cold and Blazing Heat.

As might be supposed in a country of such striking contrasts, every kind of climate is to be found. Snow lies in Kabul from December to the beginning of March. The cold is intense, the thermometer sometimes registering as many as 54 degrees of frost. The people wear posteoons (sheep-skin coats with the fleece inside) to protect themselves from the piercing winds. The summer climate of Kabul is semi-tropical. At Kandahar the temperature rises to 115 degrees or more in the middle of July. During the last war with Afghanistan (in 1919) the temperature in our E. P. tents at Loé Dakka rose to 125 degrees. In the distance we could see snow-clad mountains! This prospect, however, was not altogether a torture of Tantalus for I used to get two donkey-loads of frozen snow every day. I buried this under the floor of the tent and so could reduce bottles of water to a delicious coolness. I remember, too, baskets of fruit which used to come in with satisfying regularity, while one was able to buy considerable quantities of fresh vegetables and water melons from a village on the other side of the Kabul. In fact a good deal of fruit is sent down to India in the summer time, sometimes in carts drawn by elephants. So that Afghanistan is not entirely barren of those delicacies which one requires most in such a country. Though the climate runs to extremes Europeans find it quite healthy in most parts.

The commonest trees are pine, oak, birch, and walnut; the principal crops are wheat (forming the staple food of the people), barley, rice, maize, tobacco, sugarcane, and cotton. Of course it is only possible to grow much in the well-watered valleys. Nearly four-fifths of the whole country is rocky, mountainous, and unproductive. Among the wild animals are the tiger (possibly rare), bears, leopards, wolves, jackals, and hyenas. As Afghanistan is a country without railways (a railway now runs through the Khyber Pass between Peshawar and Lande Kot) transport of commodities is done by pack animals like the camel, pony, bullock, donkey, and mule. Possibly there are not more than a score of motor cars in the country. In any case the roads are bad, and it would be a sturdy car that could stand the work.

One of the most interesting sights in Peshawar used to be the arrival of a caravan from Afghanistan. The camelmen brought their wives, children, hens, and all their household gear with them, most of which—for Afghans consider wives as chattels—the camels had to carry in addition to the large bales of carpets and other products of Afghanistan and the countries beyond. Even the camels' necks were exploited as conveniences for suspending articles like hurricane-lanterns.

Alexander the Great was the first conqueror of Afghanistan. After him came the Parthians, Persians, Arabs, and Tartars. In 504 Baber captured Kabul and founded the Mogul dynasty in India. In 1738 the country was conquered by the Persians under Nader Shah. Our official relations with Afghanistan began in 1809, when Napoleon was intriguing

with Persia. Since then we have had three wars with the Afghans, the net gain from them being entirely incommensurate with the expenditure of life and money.

#### Medley of Tribes.

And what of the people who inhabit this country of extremes? Barely 7,000,000 in number, they are divided into about thirty different tribes, less than half of which are of pure Afghan stock. The Afghan tribes are the Duranis, Salyids, Ghilzais, and Pathans; while the non-Afghan tribes are the Tajiks, Uzbaks, Jamshedis, Firozkohis, Taimanis, Mughals, Kipchaks, Zohris, Hazaras, Kizilbashes, Kafirs, Safis, Barbars, Baluchis, etc. The foreign races are Indians, Arabs, Turkomans, Kirghiz, and Jews. The Kizilbashes and Hazaras are particularly friendly towards us.

The distinctive dress of the true Afghan races is a turban wound round a skull cap, loose cotton garments, with the shirt hanging down outside very wide trousers. The Duranis, however, sometimes wear brown cloth coats over the hanging shirt, and breeches, with puttees and boots. The western Hazaras wear a small conical head-dress of bright coloured chintz, lined with fur or sheep-skin, which forms a fringe round the edge. Hindu males are compelled to wear yellow turbans; and Hindu females yellow cloaks. (It might be wondered why a race like the Arghans allows Hindus into the country at all. They find them necessary for carrying on the ordinary commerce of the bazaar like the buying and selling of grain and banking). In truth dress varies tremendously. I have seen tribesmen dressed in garments which conveyed the suggestion that they had been made up from tailors' and drapers' sample books. Possibly they had for a thieving Afghan does not leave much behind him! Immediately one thought of Joseph and his coat of many colours. Curiously enough the Afghans claim descent from King Saul; the Esauzai Pathans, descent from Joseph! I am ready to accept any feasible theory that these people are the lost tribe of Israel.

It is always rather difficult to know accurately what is going on inside Afghanistan, but there is reason to believe that attempts are being made to develop various industries. Carpets have been made from time immemorial. Other employments are agriculture, grazing, fruit-growing, charcoal-burning, manufacture of weapons, fighting and stealing. I do not know what minerals there are, but imagine it would be extremely difficult to get the true Afghans to settle down to anything like regular employment either in mine or in factory.

#### Kabul, the Capital.

Kabul, the Capital, has a population considerably less than 200,000. There are over thirty streets in the city. The Amir's fortified palace, or Arg, as it is called locally, is situated in wooded grounds. The Arg is surrounded by a moat sixty feet broad at the top, and has loopholed walls of tremendous thickness, composed mainly of mud.

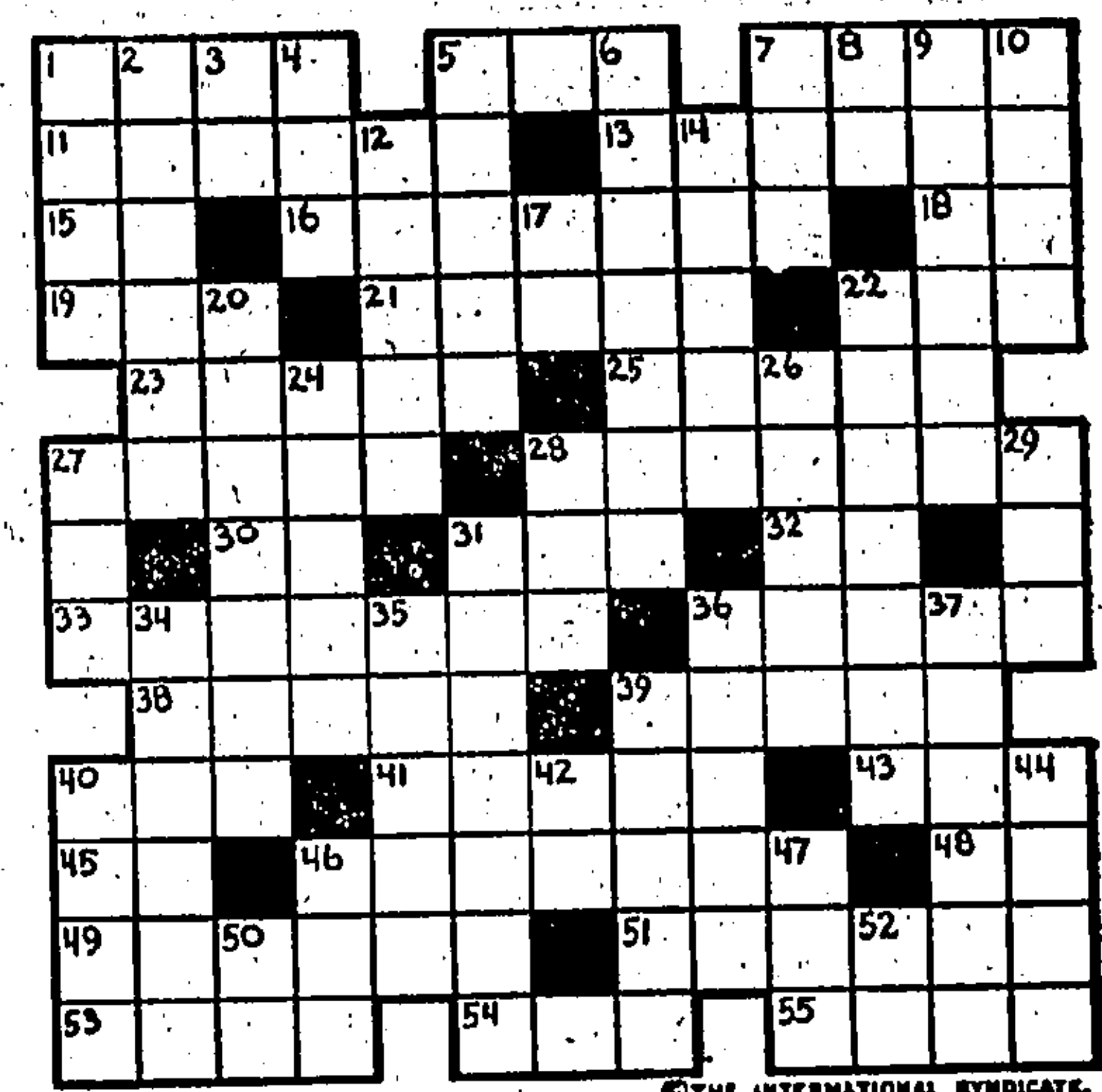
#### The Afghan Character.

The people are intensely patriotic and in the past have bitterly resented all interference from outside. But the strongest tie between otherwise loosely connected tribes is the Mohammedan religion for which they are ready to fight to the death. In point of fact they know practically nothing about their religion, but the Mullahs, (native priests) have tremendous powers over them; and nothing is likely to bring the tribesmen together more readily than the preaching of a Jihad or holy war. Attack on religion from without or foreign aggression of any kind, however, is not a necessary preliminary to warfare in Afghanistan. Fighting goes on fairly continuously between families and between clans as a matter of ordinary routine.

All the men carry weapons, even boys have rifles. Afghanistan is a country where might is right. The Afghan character is a strange blend of virtue and vice. He is proud, brave, and ready to die in obedience to his peculiar code of honour. His hospitality is proverbial. And yet the Afghans are faithless, and treacherous; and even a guest may be

## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



#### HORIZONTAL

- 1—Make a loan
- 5—Crush
- 7—Clenched hand
- 11—Compose
- 13—Head of a newspaper
- 15—1100 (Roman)
- 16—Salor
- 18—Behold
- 19—Exclamation of disgust
- 21—Flat fish
- 22—Allow
- 23—Sip timber (pl.)
- 25—Peculiar turn of expression
- 27—Carousal
- 28—Author of "Cyran de Bergerac"
- 30—Pronoun
- 31—Flowed
- 32—Division of time (abbr.)
- 33—Furnished with whorls
- 36—Hurl
- 38—Implant

#### HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 39—Author of "Home, Sweet Home"
- 40—Period of time
- 41—Essential
- 43—Obtain
- 45—Latin word for "and"
- 46—Bravery
- 48—Swindle
- 49—Vain
- 51—Almost
- 52—Egyptian goddess
- 54—Dowry
- 55—Short piece of connective pipe (pl.)

#### VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 12—Flavor
- 14—Achievements
- 17—N. central State (abbr.)
- 20—Accord
- 22—Charging a gun
- 24—Those who perceive by sight
- 26—European country
- 27—To scatter seed
- 28—Fundamental (abbr.)
- 29—Thrust
- 31—Retreated
- 34—A break
- 35—Even
- 36—Uterus
- 37—Painter of compass
- 39—Coloring pigment
- 40—French word for challenge
- 42—Preposition
- 44—Playthings
- 46—Pronoun
- 47—Entangle
- 50—Symbol for "titanium"
- 52—Musical note

**SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES**  
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

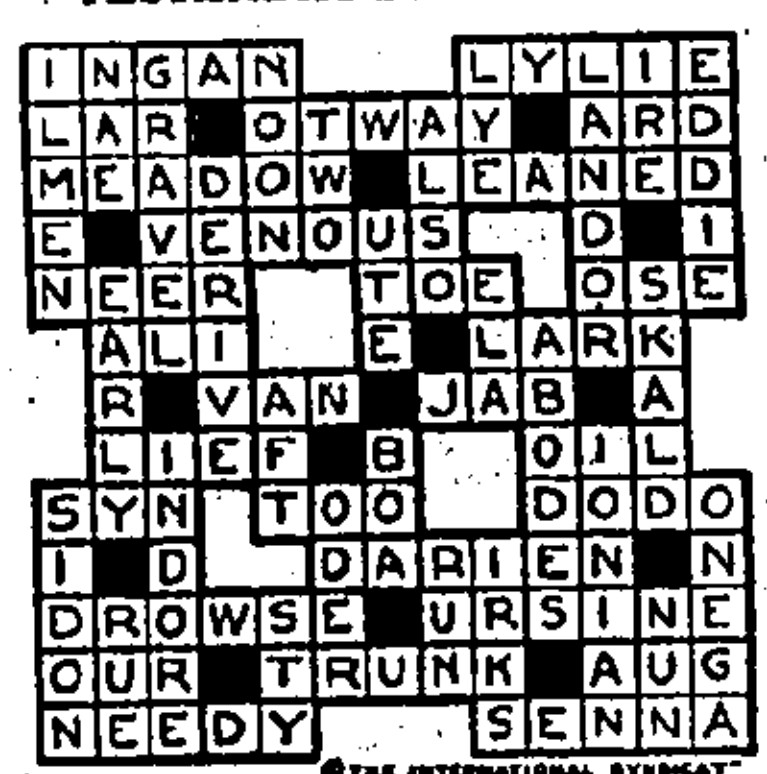
(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

allowed to fall into the hands of his murderer shortly after leaving his host's threshold. Their cruelty to human beings and animals is almost incredible. One does not care, however, to set out the full account of their villainies at this time, but it would reveal gross ignorance in anyone who thought that the average Afghan is even moderately civilized. Of late years one has noted welcome signs (the Amir's visit to Europe is one) of an interest in the outside world. Afghanistan will gain much by such contact. But the process of welding discordant factions into what we would call a civilized nation will take a long time.

Pashto, or Pushtu, the language of the Afghan tribes, is rather difficult to acquire. I have heard it said that the true Pashto vocabulary does not amount to more than 1,000 words. Certainly the borrowings from Persian and Arabic are considerable. It would not serve any useful purpose to go into the nature of the language, but one or two phrases from it may not be without interest. On meeting, Afghans greet one another with "Stray ma shay" (May you never grow tired); and then proceed to enquire: "Takrah say (Are you active)"; "Kha jor yay?" (Are you quite well?); "Da kor hal kha de?" (Is the state of your house good?). On parting they say: "Whar ma shay" (May you not become poor); "Pa Mak-kha da kha" (May good be on your face). Kindly words indeed!

I would be doing the people an injustice if I forgot to refer to their sense of humour. This may be done conveniently by translating a story which was told to me by an old man in a frontier village.

#### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



**Boy and the Bullock.**  
"A boy of twelve was sent to graze his father's bullock. While he gave his attention to some childish game the bullock strayed into a good man's garden. Now this good man did not care to see a bullock in his garden, so he put an end to the poor thing's eating by cutting off its tongue. As the sorrow-stricken lad guided the bullock towards home it lay down, refused to rise, and very soon died. All that could be saved now was the bullock's skin which the boy stripped off, not without difficulty. Burdened by the weight he could not walk very quickly, and darkness overtook him. The boy climbed a tree, and dragging the skin up after him, resolved to spend the night there. A little after midnight he heard voices, and three men came up and sat down under the tree. Evidently they had been on a raiding expedition for they brought much gold and other precious things from the folds of their garments, and placed the spoil on the ground. They had begun to quarrel over the amount which each should receive when the boy, either from fright or design, let fall the dripping skin on their heads. They fled in terror and did not return."

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## 'PLANE CRASH.

LITTLE GIRL KILLED IN STREET.

PILOT BADLY INJURED.

Belfast.—An aeroplane of the Ulster Bombing Squadron, Royal Air Force Reserve, piloted by Flying-Officer Stewart Davison, of Crail, Fifeshire, crashed in the main street of Dunmurry, a village five miles from Belfast, killing a little girl, Daphne Fox, aged 8, who was playing there at the time. The pilot received a fractured skull and leg and other injuries, and was in a precarious condition in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast.

The machine had come from the squadron headquarters at Aldergrove, co. Antrim. The accident was seen by many people who had been watching the pilot loop the loop.

Mr. Harry Mussen, a racing cyclist, who witnessed the smash, said: "The aeroplane had been flying around Dunmurry for twenty minutes. It circled round and round and rose to a considerable height, and then as the pilot began to come down he looped the loop beautifully twice. He then circled round my house, and I noticed his engine was not firing as it had been a little earlier. The machine suddenly disappeared from my view, and the next instant there was a terrific crash."

"When I arrived on the scene the pilot was sufficiently conscious to be able to state his name. The little girl's body was buried under the engine wreckage. She had obviously been killed instantly."

Another eye-witness said: "I heard the sound of the engine come near, but it was a quite different note to the hum I had previously heard. Having had considerable experience of aeroplanes during the war, I recognised at once that the pilot was in trouble with his engine."

"He appeared to be making a great effort to control the engine sufficiently to get some place to land, and I fancy he was trying to reach the park. As the machine came lower I could distinctly make out the propeller revolving too slowly to keep the machine in the air long."

"Suddenly it nose-dived practically over a builder's yard, and crashed near by."

Before his enlistment Flying Officer Davison was a motor salesman in Belfast.

## Jury's Criticism.

At the inquest on the victim held recently the jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and added a rider condemning the carrying out of evolutions over villages.

Wing Commander Wright, commanding the squadron, said the pilot had had twenty hours' dual control flying and twelve hours' solo flying. He was out on a solo practice flight at the time of the accident.

The foreman asked if the machine was out for a joy ride, and Wing Commander Wright replied that it was not a joy ride. No "stunting" was to be done under 2,000ft. in any inhabited area.

Another juror complained of the amount of flying in the Dunmurry district, and said that for the last two or three weeks the inhabitants had been unnerved "waiting for something like this to happen." Wing Commander Wright said this was the first he had heard of the matter. He promised that the whole matter would be the subject of full inquiry.

The coroner said looping the loop over villages should be stopped.

## TWO-VOTE WOMEN.

WHERE HUSBANDS HAVE SAME RIGHTS.

No provision is made in the Representation of the People (Equal Franchise) Bill, which gives the vote to all women of 21, for altering the rate by which the expenditure of parliamentary candidates is determined, says the "Daily Mail's" political correspondent. The proposed increase of the electorate will involve candidates in the permitted expenditure of an extra £250 each (calculated on a general average basis).

The Government considers that the House of Commons must itself determine whether any change in this connection is desirable, and it will be left to some private member to move a clause reducing the rate if this is desired, and probably a free vote of the House will be permitted.

One of the clauses will have the effect of giving two votes to a certain number of women. These are the wives of men having a voting qualification both in respect of residence and of business premises. Husbands of women with similar voting qualifications will also have two votes.

## A. H. BAPTISMS.

WHITE-ROBED WOMEN AND GIRLS.

CURE CLAIMS.

Believing in the waters of healing advocated by a new religion more than 1,000 men and women were immersed in lukewarm water in a moss-lined tank in the presence of a large London audience in the Albert Hall.

The dominating personality in this new sect—the Elin Evangel of the Four Square Gospel—is Principal George Jeffreys, a young Welshman, who, together with half a dozen Belfast shop-assistants, founded the sect of the "Elimites" in Monaghan, Northern Ireland, 12 years ago. His preaching style is modelled on the typical Salvation Army captain. It is claimed that he has 6,000 followers in London alone.

Principal Jeffreys before the immersion ceremony claimed that cripples had been enabled to walk, and the blind to see by the healing waters.

Among the claimed cures was a girl who, it was said, had been bedridden for 15 years, suffering from a tuberculous knee, which made one leg  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches shorter than the other.

Another woman was said to have been a cripple for 3½ years with her head twisted down to her knees.

## Waist-Deep in Tank.

Entire families lined up in the long queue for immersion. The men wore white shirts and tweed or flannel trousers, and the women, who were in a majority, were in white dresses, and a few wore rubber swimming caps. Principal Jeffreys, throwing off a black gown, stood waist-deep in the tank, accompanied by four young men assistants.

Stepping into the tank each man and woman was guided by an assistant to Principal Jeffreys who gracefully tipped them backwards into the warmed water, which did not cover their faces.

The immersion was very quick and did not seem to be unpleasant. Old men and women mingled with youths and girls, and all went cheerfully under the water while the congregation sang hymns. Once out of the tank the baptised hurried to dressing-rooms and changed their clothes.

An impassioned appeal from Principal Jeffreys for a show of hands from those in the audience who wanted to be converted brought 52 recruits.

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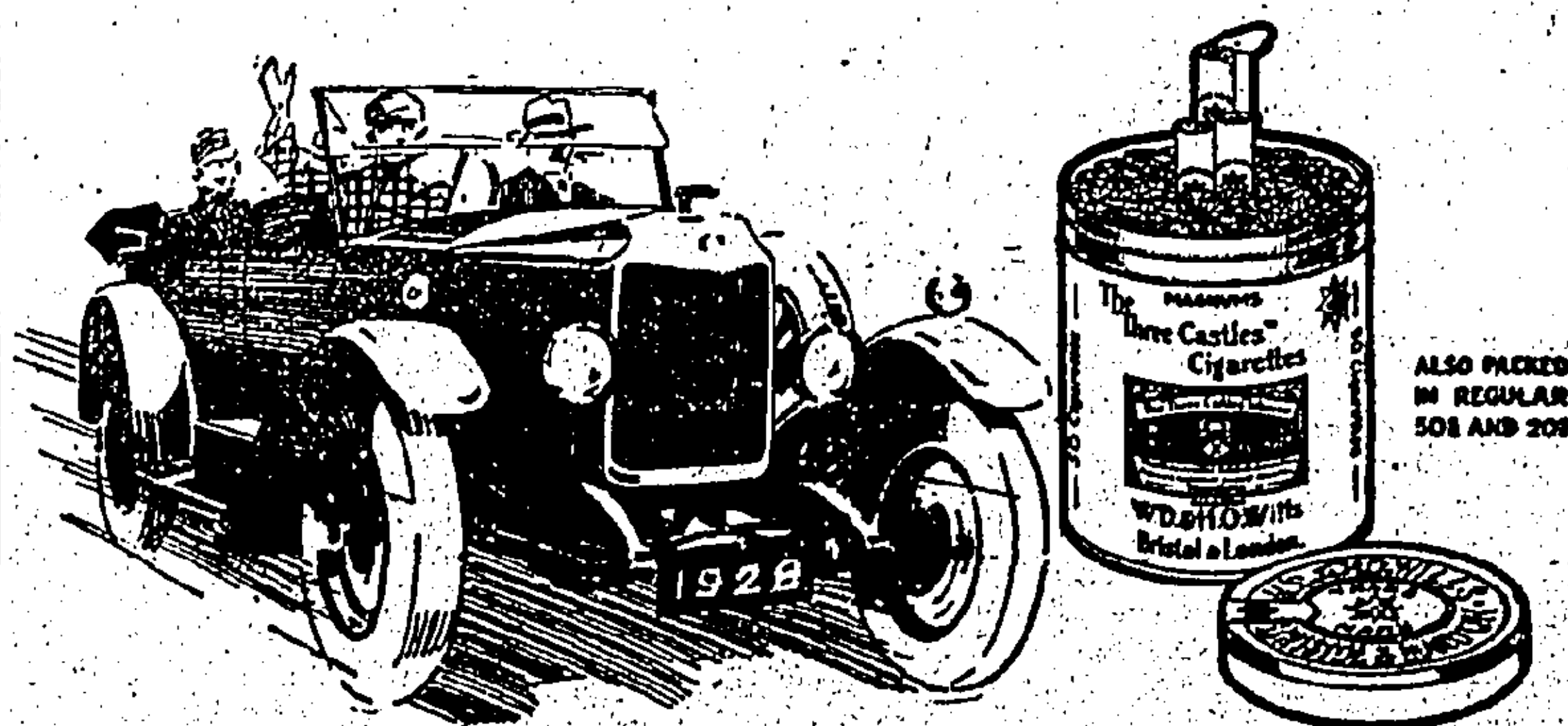
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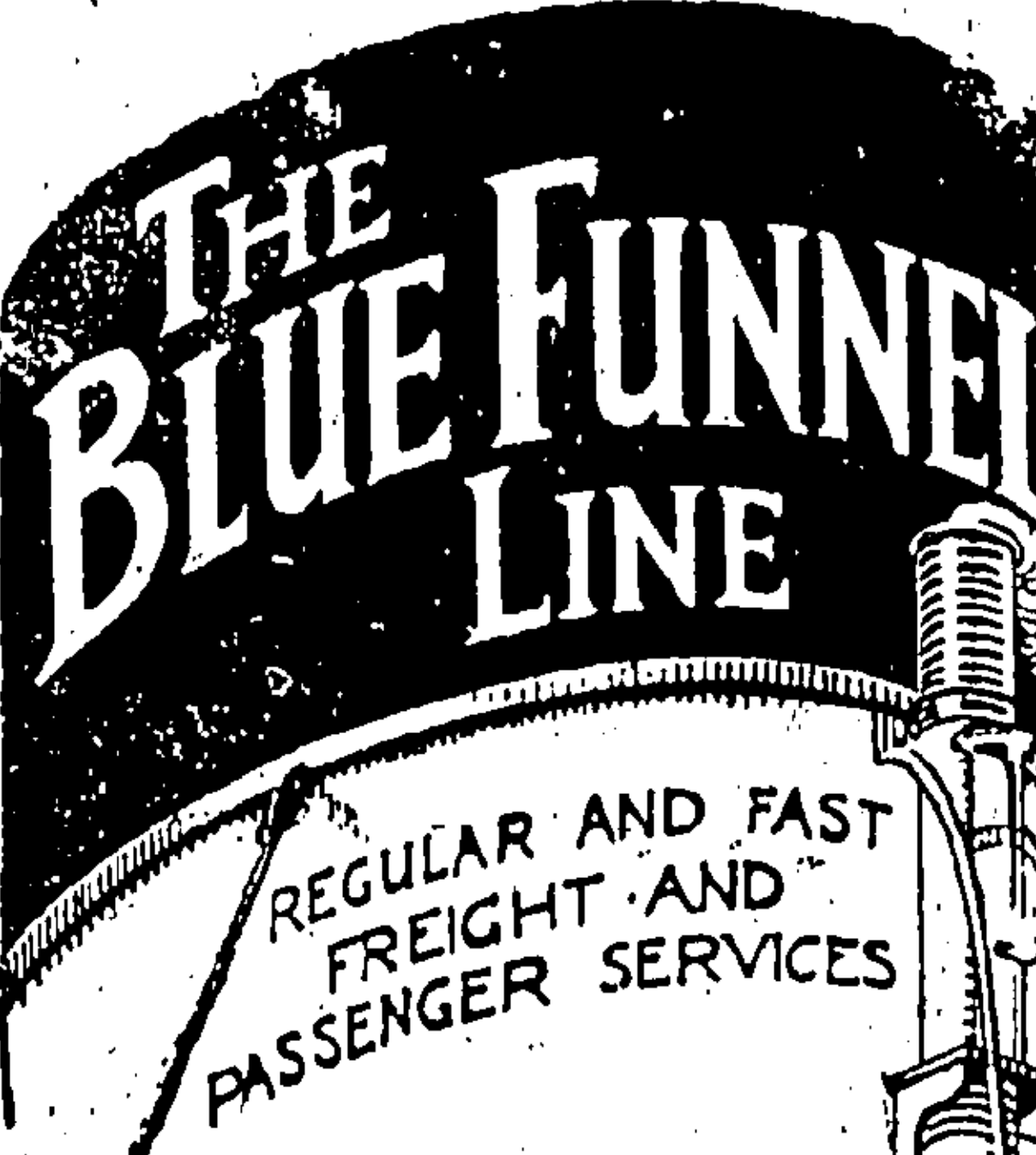
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Shanghai and Amoy	FRIDAY, MAY 18.	Kanchow
Japan and Shanghai	SATURDAY, MAY 19.	Hakozaki Maru
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	MONDAY, MAY 21.	Lahore
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Japan and Shanghai	WEDNESDAY, MAY 23.	Athos II
Straits	FRIDAY, MAY 25.	Kamo Maru
Japan and Shanghai	FRIDAY, MAY 25.	Hakusan Maru

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For	Per	
Manila	WEDNESDAY, MAY 16.	Empress of Asia 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	WEDNESDAY, MAY 16.	Kong Ning 4.30 p.m.
Bangkok	WEDNESDAY, MAY 16.	Dukat 5 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	THURSDAY, MAY 17.	Teian 8.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	THURSDAY, MAY 17.	Hanoi 8.30 a.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	THURSDAY, MAY 17.	Deli Maru 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	THURSDAY, MAY 17.	Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.
Saigon	THURSDAY, MAY 17.	Telemachus 3.30 p.m.
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Shanghai	FRIDAY, MAY 18.	Soochow 5 p.m.
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## PLUCKY PADRE.

C.B.E. For Rev. Forbes Tocher.

AT HANKOW.

Reward For Rescue Of Capt. Lator.

Hankow, May 8. The British Consulate here was the scene of a pleasing ceremony, at noon, yesterday, when Rear-Admiral Hugh Tweedie decorated the Rev. Forbes Tocher with the insignia of a Commander of the British Empire, in recognition of his outstanding services in effecting the release of Captain Lator, of the str. "Siantan," who was captured by bandits in the early part of this year.

In his speech, Rear-Admiral Tweedie paid the highest tribute to Mr. Tocher's bravery. It had been hoped, he said, that the Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Tyrwhitt, would be there to make the presentation, but he had been unavoidably delayed. In conclusion, the Admiral referred to the generosity of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, who found the funds for Captain Lator's ransom directly the bandits' demands were presented.

Mr. Tocher made a brief and modest reply to the Admiral's speech. After thanking him for the complimentary expressions, he drew attention to the bravery of the two Chinese assistants who accompanied him on his various meetings with the bandits, at imminent peril to their own lives.—Reuter.

## ORANG-UTANS.

SUDDEN INFLUX TO EUROPE.

DEJECTED CONTINENTALS.

London, Yesterday. Sir Hasketh Bell, who has been for many years a prominent civil servant in Tropical Africa, and later in Mauritius, has written a letter to the "Times" referring to the sudden large influx of orang-utans to Europe.

The apparent dejection of those he saw at a zoo on the Riviera, states the writer, filled him with pity. He asks whether the Dutch Authorities in the Far East are going to continue to permit wholesale razzias in Sumatra, merely to enable a few persons to make great pecuniary profits. He likens these raids to those of former slave dealers.—Reuter.

## JAPAN 'QUAKE.

SENSATIONAL RADIO REPORT.

"100 KILLED."

Manchester (New Hampshire), Yesterday. The New Hampshire amateur wireless expert, Mr. Davis, who was the first to learn of the "Bremer's" arrival at Greenly Island, has picked up a sensational message recording an earthquake in the "Mishifutoma district" of Japan. The message declared that a hundred have been killed.

New York, Yesterday. There has been a violent earthquake in Guayaquil, Ecuador. The streets are littered with masonry wrenched from buildings. No casualties are reported.—Reuter's American Service.

## JAPANESE SEAMEN.

TROUBLE OVER WAGES SPREADS.

Osaka, Yesterday. The dispute of the Kawasaki Steamship Company versus the Japan Seamen's Union on the establishment of minimum wages is getting serious.

Yesterday the crew of the "Pacific Maru" bound for America with 1,200 bales of silk, left the ship at Yokohama.

The trouble threatens to spread even more widely.—Reuter.

## WRONG SIDE.

For riding on the wrong side of the road, thus causing a danger to the traffic, a Chinese youth was this morning at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court, before Mr. W. Schofield, fined \$7 with the alternative of 10 days' imprisonment.

## DAM BREAKS.

Residents Flee In Terror.

S. CAROLINA FLOOD.

Fifteen Thousand Residents Have Narrow Escape.

Greenville, S.C., May 6. Billions of gallons of water were released with a roar to-day when the waterwork dam here broke.

Fifteen thousand residents of the town fled to places of safety. Six other dams below the one which broke are holding safely, and sufficient warning was given so that apparently there were no casualties.

Crumbling walls caused the disaster, preliminary survey indicated. The Coveton mill towns are endangered by the floods.—United Press.

## NO LICENCE?

ALLEGED BOARDING HOUSE.

FIRM SUMMONED.

Sergeant Hayward, attached to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, summoned the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Company before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning for unlawfully keeping a 6th class boarding house without a licence from the S.C.A.

Mr. D. L. Strellett, who appeared for the defence, said that he would admit a technical offence, and at the same time would like to point out that whereas it was known to whom the summons was intended, the name Canton Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Co., appearing on the summons was the old name of the firm which was now the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Co. The company was originally registered in Peking, but had since been re-registered locally under the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. He agreed, however, that the word Canton on the summons was not an excuse for saying that the writ was irregular.

Proceeding to explain why no licence was taken out by the defendants for the premises concerned, which was used for the accommodation of the company's employees, Mr. Strellett said that the defendants had a doubt in their minds as to whether a licence was required for premises such as theirs, which he thought the Sergeant would admit was more luxurious than others. A lot of people, Counsel commented, found it very difficult to distinguish between premises of this sort and the ordinary boarding houses.

Not Clear.

Mr. Lindsell admitted that the Ordinance was not very clear, but he thought that it made no difference at all, and he understood that the S.C.A. did not prosecute in the case of servants quarters which gave accommodation for not more than ten persons.

Mr. Strellett proceeded to say that the Sergeant called at the place on May 10, and the impression given to the secretary of the company was that the company was being given a warning and asked to put matters right as soon as possible, yet the summons was taken out the next day. Immediately the company had written to the S.C.A. giving full particulars relating to the premises, and he suggested that the offence was technical and not a matter for the imposition of a fine.

Asked by the Magistrate if any general warning had been sent out, Sergeant Hayward said that all he was concerned about the matter was that he was instructed to inspect the premises and report on them, then as no notice had been taken of the warning even after the last case before the Court, the department decided to take out summons against the defendants.

## No Warning.

Mr. Strellett said that his clients had not received any warning prior to the Sergeant's visit.

Mr. Lindsell said that the warning referred to was a previous case before him some two months ago, full publicity to which he thought had been given in the Chinese press.

## SHOT AT.

Shanghai Tramway Official.

MOBBED BY CHINESE.

Fire Opened By Members Of Gendarmerie.

Shanghai, May 11. Whilst seeking to dissuade students from posting anti-Japanese literature on the sides of tramcars in Boulevard des Deux Republiques, near the Fang Ping Chiao, a spot about a quarter of a mile from Pont St. Catherine, shortly after two o'clock yesterday afternoon, Mr. A. J. Headington, a British subject employed by the Shanghai Tramway Co. as an inspector, was assaulted and a member of the French Police Force, who attempted to intervene, received similar treatment.

The episode was of a very serious character, and it is obvious that Mr. Headington's life was in imminent danger while it lasted, as members of the Chinese gendarmerie fired upon him. From Mr. Headington we have secured a vivid account of the matter, showing the treatment he received in Boulevard des Deux Republiques, near the West Gate, where it occurred.

Mr. Headington said that while in Chekiang-road his attention was drawn by passengers to the notices which had been painted on the seats of the tram cars. He immediately set out for West Gate, having learned that students and others in Chinese territory were busy placarding the tram cars, and arrived there a little after 2 o'clock.

Unprovoked Attack. Alighting from the car, Mr. Headington approached a well-dressed Chinese and asked him if he would ask the students to desist from passing handbills on the outside of the tram cars and from painting slogans inside on the seats and walls. The Chinese said that he would be glad to assist Mr. Headington, but upon the latter thanking him and wishing him good afternoon he retaliated with a blow across the face, saying at the same time that they were in Chinese territory and they would do what they liked. The Chinese shouted out and Mr. Headington was soon surrounded by an angry mob of students and others, who began to search him for money and valuables, then while two of the Chinese gendarmes looked on without taking any steps to stop them.

## THE SPEED CRAZE.

ANOTHER AVIATOR DIVES TO DEATH.

SCHNEIDER CUP TEST.

Washington, Yesterday. The counterpart of the death of the South African, Lieut. Kinkaid, at Calshot two months ago was the tragic death of Lieutenant Buse, who was flying a seaplane in training for the Schneider Cup Race. The machine suddenly dived into the Potomac River and disappeared. The wreckage was recovered later.—Reuter's American Service.

papers, and certainly by the English press.

A fine of \$2, the price of the licence, was imposed by his Worship.

Sun Co.

Mr. W. D. Owen appeared for the Sun Company on a similar summons. He said that he had no doubt that the case was on all fours with that against Mr. Strellett's clients, and he thought that his clients would plead "guilty," but in the meantime he had been instructed to ask for an adjournment in view of the fact that the company had written to the S.C.A. on the matter and were awaiting a reply.

The Magistrate granted a week's adjournment.

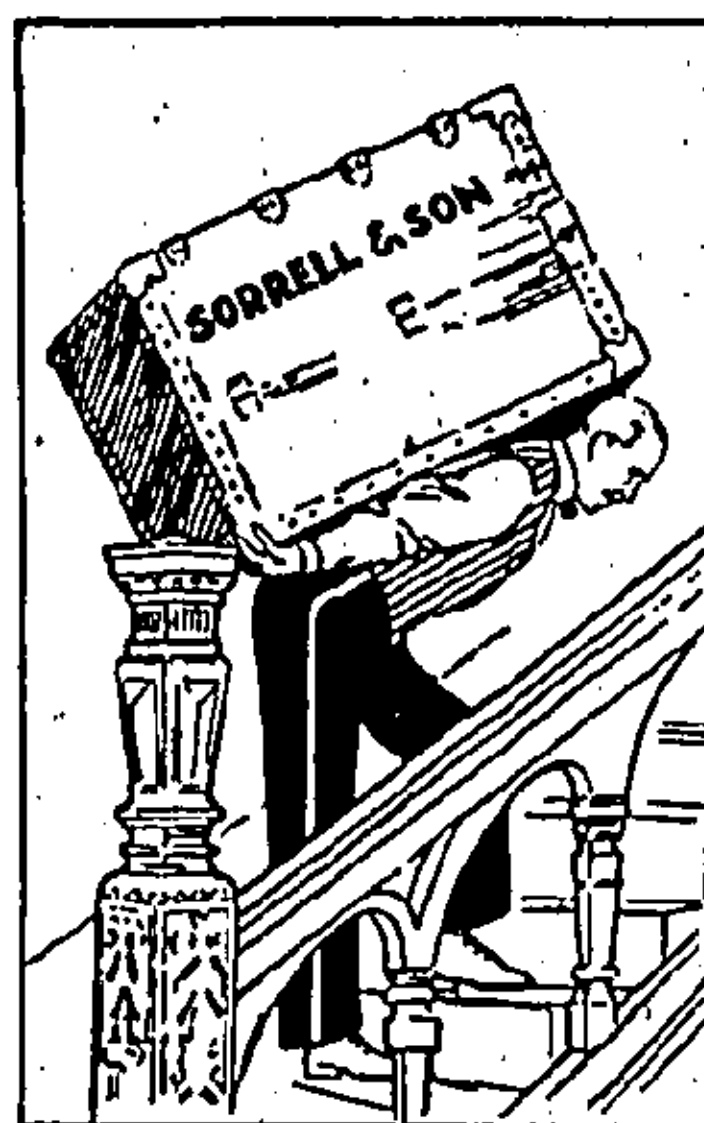
Five Others.

Five other similar summons were then heard against the Lai Wah Company, Bakilly Company, Wing On Company, New Chan Kwong Company and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Company, all of Des Voeux-road Central.

Representatives of these five firms all pleaded "guilty" and the Magistrate imposed fines of \$2 each.

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